## NOTES: Untangling Christmas | Delight December 3-4, 2022, Compelled Church

## Luke 2.1-10

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;" (Luke 2:10, NASB95)

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." (Matthew 2:10, NASB95)

God intended that we experience and live with Joy and Delight.

## How can we live with Christ at the center?

- 1. Delight is found when we realize how much Jesus loves us.
- 2. Delight is found when we give Jesus the glory for every blessing. "For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6, NASB95)
  - 3. Delight is experienced through the love and joy in relationships
  - 4. Delight is found when we understand who we are in Jesus.

"The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace." (Numbers 6:24–26, NASB95)

"May you feel the joy of God's face shining on you because He is happy to be with you"

""How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance." (Psalm 89:15, NASB95)

"You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." (Psalm 16:11, NASB95)

Gods face, God's light, God's presence, is the delight of our lives. He expressed that in giving us Jesus

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1. What are some things that make us happy, but are not "true joy" in our lives? (and that is not bad).
2. Read Luke 2.1-10 Why would this Good News bring joy?
3. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." (Matthew 2:10, NASB95)
"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:6–7, NASB95)
Based on Isaiah prophecies, why would the shepherds be so joyful?
4. What steals your true joy?
5. Advent is about hope and joy at the coming of the Savior. What distracts you personally from the joy we can have in Jesus?
6. Take a moment and really think about this.
When have you experienced the love of God? What were you doing? Who was with you? What does this tell you about God?
7. How does experiencing the love of God give us delight?
True delight is Christ at the center of our life daily.
8. "The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace." (Numbers 6:24–26, NASB95)
How can these truths of God shining and turning toward us?
""How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance." (Psalm 89:15, NASB95)
Psalm 16.11 "in Your presence is fullness of Joy."
9. How can you bring joy of Jesus to someone today?
