

## “Awe!”

### A Personal or Small Group Experience

Every once in a while when I make a big “WOW!” deal about something very normal like a sunset, a sunrise, my daughter’s dimpled smile, my son’s strategic use of words, my wife’s amazing ability to decorate our home for Christmas, the depth of flavor of a great cup of coffee, the ambiance of a crackling fire, the way a pet can bring a smile.....well there are so many things ..... anyway, when I make a big “WOW!” deal out of these “normal” things sometimes someone will comment, “Doesn’t take much to impress you!” Although the comment is usually meant as a mildly sarcastic jab in reality I think it is a compliment. I believe it is good—really good—when we can be WOWED! by the most normal of things. Notice I didn’t say “simplest” of things. None of the things mentioned earlier were simple at all. In fact I have no idea how they get pulled off—sunrises and sunsets and such! But we can miss them and miss the life giving opportunity to be WOWED! to be in AWE!

In the message this week we talked about the “starting point attitude” that we need for authentic worship! It is an attitude of humility which replaces our very natural self-centered arrogance! We can exercise this humility towards God by simply allowing ourselves to be in AWE! of the most normal of things. No kidding—it is amazing how our hearts are lifted as we deliberately are “AWED!” by the normal things of life! What about the beauty of the grain in a wood floor, the seemingly miraculous capability of a cell phone, the ingenuity of a 2 year old, the beauty of a smile, the power of a memory.... etc. When we stand in awe of such things we are standing in awe of our God—He is the source—we are worshipping—authentically!

In this bible study we are going to take the normal and practice being in “AWE!”

Read the following pre-Christmas stories prayerfully and with expectancy. As you absorb them look for the AWE-filled nuance of each account. Take them paragraph at a time and discuss the way God works, the way people interact with Him and each other. Note anything and everything—even the normal things and be in awe of God.

**Luke 1:5-25**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Luke 1:57-80**

**Matthew 1:18-25**



**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**

**Isaiah 60:1**

#### “Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

**This Page** has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

**The Center Pages contain** the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from [www.pointofgracechurch.org](http://www.pointofgracechurch.org)

**The Back Page** has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

#### *Scripture & Meditation Guide - December 13-18*

#### Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention.

Ask God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?”  
“How are You inviting me to respond?”

- 4) Pray everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

*Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him*

**Monday:** Matthew 1:19-25

**Tuesday:** Luke 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Luke 1:57-80

**Thursday:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Friday:** Revelation 4:1-11

**Saturday:** Revelation 5:1-14