

## Angels: God's Secret Agents

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### 1. The identity of God's secret agents:

*Angels are real! They are \_\_\_\_\_ created by God.*

### 2. The purpose of God's secret agents:

*Angels \_\_\_\_\_ in various roles, accomplishing various functions.*

• *As messengers, angels \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth.*

• *As worshippers, angels \_\_\_\_\_ God's name.*

• *As ministers, angels \_\_\_\_\_ God's will.*

### 3. The lesson of God's secret agents:

*Angels provide an example, focusing our attention on \_\_\_\_\_.*

## Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. Why do so many people like movies and TV shows about secret agents? What is it about undercover spies that is so interesting? Does some of our fascination with mystery explain the obsession with angels?
2. Many voices collide with competing information about the supernatural realm. Popular talk shows feature people claiming to have witnessed angelic manifestations and proposing new age theories. How can we sift through the fad, folklore and fantasy to determine what is real? What makes the Bible unique as a source of truth concerning angels and demons?
3. This introductory message included many Bible references. See if you can succinctly put together a biblically-based definition for angels. Who are they? What Scriptures can help you to briefly describe what angels do?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. The last phrase is unusual. What does it teach about angels and what does this mean? (For advanced study, Eph. 3:7-11 also mentions angels learning about salvation.)
5. The seraphim mentioned in Is. 6:1-7 play an important role. What do these verses communicate about angels?
6. This message included many little-known but important facts about angels. Which one or ones surprised you.
7. The ministry of angels in the life of Jesus is an interesting topic for further study. See Mt. 1:18-23; 2:13-15; Lk. 1:26-28; 2:8-15; Mt. 4:11; Lk. 22:43; Mt. 26:53; 1 Pet. 3:22.

8. A review of the verses explaining the activity of angels reveals that they exist to do God's work. Only evil angels pursue their own agenda. What is the overall lesson from this study that we can apply to our lives?

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### **1. The identity of God's secret agents:**

*Angels are real! They are spirit beings created by God.*

### **2. The purpose of God's secret agents:**

*Angels glorify God in various roles, accomplishing various functions.*

*•As messengers, angels communicate God's truth.*

*•As worshippers, angels praise God's name.*

*•As ministers, angels carry out God's will.*

### **3. The lesson of God's secret agents:**

*Angels provide an example, focusing our attention on God.*