

Sunday Morning | November 27, 2016



MATTHEW 2:1-12

TRUTH: It is possible to miss Christmas all the while celebrating Christmas.

Three reasons people miss Christmas:

I. PREOCCUPATION, Luke 2:7

TRUTH: Busyness with his business caused him to miss the greatest opportunity of his life.

QUESTION: Where's the evidence of room for Jesus in your heart, or are you so busy already that you're spiritually numb?

II. FORMALITY, Matthew 2:4

REALITY: We can become so familiar with something it loses its wonder!

TRUTH: Many people knew about Christ's birth, but no one went to Bethlehem but the wise men.

TRUTH: The great danger is that we have Christmas traditions without the heart-wonder for the baby!

TRUTH: The Christian life is about loving Christ (Matthew 10:37).

INSIGHT: The question this Christmas for us as a church is this: What is the level of our love for Christ?

QUESTION: On a scale of 1-10 how would you describe your love for Christ?

TRUTH: When you love someone, sacrifice doesn't seem like sacrifice because you want to serve them.

III. FEAR, Matthew 2:12, 16

TRUTH: When you come to Christ, He doesn't make you more religious but more human.