

Sermon Series: ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Sermon Title: "What Do You Do When You Follow a Star & Find a Stable?"

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

INTRO: Our conduct in life is primarily determined by our _____ (expectation) of what life is going to bring! The difference between expectation and reality is _____ (disappointment).

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR EXPECTATION IS NOT MET:

1. You keep _____ (looking) until you find Jesus!
-unfortunately, the tendency is to give ____ (up)
2. You give your _____ (best)!
-unfortunately, the tendency is give _____ (less)

APPLICATION

1. _____ (Immature) Christians see God only in the good times
2. _____ (Mature) Christians see God in both the good times & the bad

LET'S LEARN FROM THE WISE MEN:

1. Disappointments are not _____ (dead-ends)
2. Look for God in the _____ (stables) of life
3. You may need to _____ (change) your direction

CLOSE: I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. I believe in love, even when I'm not feeling it. I believe in God, even when I do not see him.