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**O Christmas Three #2of 3  
Dec. 18, 2016**

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  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
  - **What would it; look like if we treated each other and our neighbours as family? Think about BLESS through the lens of "family."**
2. Read Matthew 2:1-12. What do you find compelling or significant about the story of the Magi visiting Jesus and his parents?
3. Discuss the various ministry roles of Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King. What Scriptures highlight these different aspects of Jesus' ministry roles?
4. Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and Hebrews 9:11-12. How do these passages speak to Jesus' role as Priest and what implications does this have for us?
5. Read John 1:1-14, and Hebrews 1:1-3. In what way is Jesus a prophetic "word" from God? What is God saying to us through Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 2:2,6. What do we learn about Jesus? What does it mean for Jesus to be King in your life? In what way do you need to led more by Christ?
7. Read 1 Peter 2:9. What does this passage tell us about our identity as believers? What would it look like for you to live out this identity where you live work, play, and go? Choose an action step for each role.
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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

#### 0 Christmas Three

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor

Dec. 18, 2016



Proverb 13:12 “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

#### What are you longing for today?

**Big Idea: Seeking the Jesus who is - fulfills our deepest needs and purpose.**

Matthew 2:1-12 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

<sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:

<sup>6</sup> “And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!” <sup>9</sup> After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Numbers 24:17

#### 1) The identity of Jesus is revealed in the three gifts brought by the wise men.

- Jesus as Prophet:
- Jesus as Priest:
- Jesus as King:

#### 2) The identity of Jesus answers our deepest needs.

- We need to be forgiven. Hebrews 4:14-16 Hebrews 9:11-12
- We need to be loved. Hebrews 1:1-3
- We need to be led. Matthew 2:2,6

#### 3) The identity of Jesus points to our greatest purpose.

1 Peter 2:9 ...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

- We are “**prophets**” who speak for God and show others the goodness of God.
- We are “**priests**” who continue to connect people to the grace of the Gospel.
- We are “**kings**” who co-lead with Christ in the renewal of all things.

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT) and the New International Version (NIV).*