



Welcome!

SERIES: DON'T MISS CHRISTMAS

Today's Message: The Opportunities We Miss

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: From the moment that we wake up, until we lay our heads down, we will tell of your goodness O God. From the start of our lives until this very moment, you surround us with opportunities to grow, develop, and contribute. Empower us now to see the opportunities you present, and use them to build our lives, bless the lives of others, and expand your kingdom in the earth. In the name of the baby born King, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: What one giving opportunity will you engage this holiday season? Why?

MESSAGE RECAP: King Herod pretended to want to honor Jesus, but in his heart resented Jesus' birth. Had Herod joined the wise men in worship and generosity, his story would have changed forever. Instead, his legacy is that of a king desperate for power at any cost.

SCRIPTURE: Read St. Matthew 2:1-4 (ESV)

DISCUSSION:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. Pastor Watson said in the message, "Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity." Do you agree or disagree? Looking back over this year, what opportunities have you missed financially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Share one with the group.
3. When the news of the magi spread throughout Jerusalem, King Herod gathered the high priests and religious scholars as well as the magi. Each of these characters responded to the news of the Messiah being born differently. The religious leaders were indifferent, King Herod felt threatened, and the magi sought him out and worshiped him. How has your response to Jesus been similar or different than these three responses?
4. Worship can be defined in the following way: Our response to what we value the most. The magi worshipped Jesus by traveling a long distance to find him; they bowed down and gave to him dignity and authority and brought valuable gifts. Which of these expressions of worship (money or minutes) are easiest for you? Which is the most difficult?

CHALLENGE: What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

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SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!', with the heart's center overlapping the letter 'e'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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CALL: 804.643.6177
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