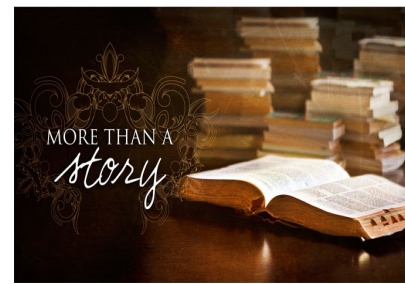


MORE THAN A STORY - Christmas Eve & Day

God chose to come down and use ordinary people to display and reveal to us his nature and character, through Mary, Joseph, fisherman, tax collectors, star, a group of guys coming from the east.

Matt 2:1-12



Reality is everyone is searching and looking for peace, love and meaning of life. Looking for the source of eternal life. You must learn to embrace the eternal life if you are willing to receive it.

No one knows If there were really 3 wise men they were like astronomers, like NASA and studying the stars and planets

Everyone is searching but their motivation is not right - they will look to god if they are really sick/life or death then they leave In Jesus day that happened too 10 lepers healed - 9 disappear one stays

Two things will happen - they disappear one it happens or if it doesn't happen they take their bat and ball and go away - search for God with all your heart and soul

One is searching to worship - one is searching for self-preservation (King Herold)

If your search is in order to give not get you will have the right motivation to receive

1. To discover eternal life, Your heart and motivation must be PURE

Matthew 2:11-12

2. Established contact, They fell down

3. They opened their Treasures

They discovered a reason more than the life

Herold sends an order out to kill every child under 2 years - Joseph is warned by God and moves Jesus to a safe area.

Not everyone's motivation to search is the same

To long for something beyond this LIFE - Something Eternal

Gifts - gold (kingly gifts), Frankincense - herb used for worship, myrrh - bitter herb used for embalming the dead. Their gifts were meaning so much more.

They paint the picture of what someone looks like who has truly engaged their life in sacrifice.

The Golden Rule = he who has the gold makes the rules!

God - gold

Difference - L = life

Life - God - eternal life

Life - gold - miss God

Life or gold

Gold - Miss God and eternal life

We are wired up to give, sacrifice

All determined in your search