

The Lord seeks us before we seek Him Matthew 2:1-2:12, Luke 19:10

Sermon Outline January 4, 2015

1. *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.* Luke 19:10
 2. *Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.* Isaiah 55:6.
 3. *Seek the Lord and Live* Amos 5:6.
 4. *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.* Jer. 29:13.
 5. We are c_____ to seek God because God wants to be s_____, likewise God seeks us because we desperately need his love, his f_____ and a personal r_____ with him.
 6. How about you...what are you willing to give up in order to seek Jesus in a deeper way?
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7. God makes every e_____ to reach every person who is far away from Him. – God used the s_____ to reach pagan Gentile magician/astrologers in order to bring them to Christ.

8. How did God reach you with the Good News of Jesus?
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9. God wants us to d_____ seek him - We need more than knowledge about Christ we need to seek out Christ.

10. Whenever Jesus is b_____ into a life, a church a city, or a town, there is inevitably a stir created.
 11. What is Jesus stirring in your heart today?
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12. Why would God tell the wise men about the Christ and not the religious authorities? Think about that for a second. God is always interested in our h_____ for the heart tells the story of a man.

13. We need to w_____ Christ.

14. The wise men brought gifts and worshiped Jesus for who he was. This is the essence of true worship—honoring Christ for who he is and being willing to give him what is valuable to you. We see in their lives a pattern for worship:

- *They e_____.* They had prepared for their journey, studied, and sought out Jesus.
- *They b_____.* They humbled themselves in the presence of their superior. They acknowledged his authority.
- *They g_____.* They gave expensive and sacrificial gifts out of respect and honor for the child king.
- *They w_____.* They recognized God's guidance in bringing them and attested to Jesus' royalty. They exalted Jesus as the rightful king.
- *They o_____.* Their worship was not empty. They followed the guidance they received from God.

15. What do we bring/offer Christ which is costly to us? What do we lay at his feet?
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16. Our journey of f_____ begins and ends with our Lord.

17. Stages of our spiritual journey are the following:

- a. Stirring b. Searching c. Humbling and d. Surrender / What stage are you at?

18. What is the Lord saying to you in the message today? What would the Lord like you to do with what you just heard?
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