



# Your Christmas Miracle (Christmas Eve)

## Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. If it were true, if God could help you, what would you have Him fix? Where do you need God's presence in your life?
3. Read Matthew 2:1-2. The wise men were seeking Jesus in a dangerous time and place. But they continued their journey with God's purpose in mind. When have you sought God in a challenging time or place?
4. Pastor John mentions that sometimes our heart is the barrier between us and God - not God's absence. How have you had to change your heart and mindset to draw closer to God?
5. Read Luke 2:1-20. What's something that surprises you about God's character in Luke's version of the Christmas story that you may have overlooked before?
6. What one practical step do you plan to implement from this week's message?

## Scripture References

Read Matthew 1:21, Matthew 2:1a, Matthew 2:13b, Matthew 2:2. Matthew 2:9-11, Luke 2:8-11, Luke 2:15-16, Luke 2:12

## Takeaways

- God can be right next to you, and you'll miss Him if you don't want Him interrupting your life.
- Your heart may be the barrier between you and God - not His absence.
- God rarely forces His better way of life onto the hard-hearted.
- You can shut God out, and if you do so repeatedly, He might leave you alone.
- God reveals Himself to those who seek Him.
- Coming to church doesn't save you. Faith in Jesus does. But being in a Jesus-centered church puts you in the place where God can heal you and rebuild you.
- 3 Takeaways
  - Receive God's gift of salvation.
  - Commit to be consistent in a Jesus-centered church like CP.
  - As a believer, give something meaningful to God like the wise men.