

MISSING CHRISTMAS

Message 1 A Distracted Host

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► Outline

Today's Message based on Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:6-7 (NIV)**

A. Introduction (Luke 1:26-33)

B. How the host missed Christmas: (Luke 2:1-7)

1. Reception doesn't denote _____.
(Luke 2:1-4. C/R: Matthew 13:54-58; John 1:10-13;
1 Corinthians 12:3)

2. Compassion doesn't produce _____.
(Luke 2:5-6. C/R: Matthew 7:21-23)

3. Distraction prevents _____.
(Luke 2:7. C/R Matthew 13:22; 16:26; 1 Corinthians 7:31;
Galatians 6:14)

Answers: 1. relationship 2. conversion 3. dedication

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue your relationship with Jesus. Take time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Will you be hosting guests during the Christmas holidays, staying with friends/relatives, or staying home with no guests?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 1:26-38](#).

1. Which statements from the angel would cause you to believe that Mary's baby would be the Son of God?
2. What word or phrase would you use to describe Mary's attitude during the conversation with the angel?
3. What step(s) would better prepare you to listen for a message from God?

Read [Luke 2:1-7](#)

4. Why do you think Joseph and Mary had difficulty finding a place to stay in Bethlehem?
5. What would you do if a pregnant relative showed up at your house needing a place to stay?

6. How do you think Joseph and Mary ended up staying in a place where there was a manger (a feeding trough for animals)?
7. What might have been different if the people of Bethlehem knew that Mary's baby was the Son of God?
8. What causes you to forget the presence of Jesus in your daily life?
9. What can you do to make room for Jesus during this Christmas season?

Soul Training

Ask God to help you notice His presence as you start each day. During the day ask God, *How are you working in this situation?*

Memory Verse

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[Luke 2:6-7 \(NIV\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [John 1:10-14](#)

Day 4: [Matthew 16:24-28](#)

Day 2: [Matthew 13:53-58](#)

Day 5: [Galatians 6:14-16](#)

Day 3: [Matthew 7:13-23](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Read [Matthew 2:1-23](#) to prepare for the December 10 message entitled "A Threatened King" as we continue the *Missing Christmas* series.



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