

Advent 2020 **Responding to Hope**

The Case of the Wise Men from the East

Key Verse: Matthew 2:2 Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Introduction: The Hope

What is hope? _____.

Hebrews 10:23

What makes Jesus our hope?

_____.

Romans 5:1-5

Response of _____ and _____

Matthew 2:1-2

Who were the wise men? _____

Why were they *searching the stars*?

Numbers 24:17

Why were they *searching the prophecies*?

Genesis 49:10, Numbers 24:17, Daniel 9

Response of _____

Matthew 2:1-9

Why were they *willing to make the long journey*?

_____ (Matthew 2:16).

Motives: _____

Sacrifice: _____

Why did they *stop in Jerusalem to ask questions*?

_____.

Why did they *keep going to Bethlehem* (and no one else did)?

_____.

Response of _____ and _____

Matthew 2:10-11

Why did they *rejoice* so greatly?

_____.

What would that *worship* have looked like?

_____.

What was the *purpose of the three gifts*?

_____.

Christian tradition also tells us the significance of the gifts:

- Gold for _____

- Frankincense for _____

- Myrrh for _____

How else did the wise men *honour* the baby king?

_____.

Take Home: What is your response to the hope of Jesus Christ?

Like the wise men, we must take interest in Christ, sacrifice greatly to get closer to Him, and worship Him fully.

What does that look like for you this Christmas?