



The True Christmas Story, part 2

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Ephesians 4:11–16

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES?

To develop spiritual character and strength to face *anything* by...

1. Learning anchored in Biblical truth but addressing cultural issues
2. Relationships that connect and blossom even outside the meetings

Remember... it's all about putting God's truth into action in our everyday lives

Opening Thoughts

- ✓ Any thoughts about "Christmas in Genesis"?
- ✓ Word for the Year reminder
- ✓ 2022 is important and will require the best of us
- ✓ All of life is in the context of God's mission and spiritual warfare is the means

Review - compare and contrast - cultural things vs. Biblical things about Christmas

Video Notes

- Herod's Building Program
- How Herod benefited the Israelites
- Jesus' arrival different than Herod's lifestyle
- The Reaction of the Shepherds and Wisemen
- Herod's response to Jesus' arrival
- Legacy of each

APPLICATION:

- ✓ Knees and nudges lived out by Joseph listening and obeying
 - Matthew 1:18-25

 - Matthew 2:13-15

 - Matthew 2:19-23

- ✓ Herod's compromise vs. Jesus' refusal to compromise
How did each...
Appear to the world

Come to power?

Possess and exercise power?

Come to their "end"?

- ✓ Compare/contrast Herod and Jesus methods and goals
✓

- ✓ Spiritual Warfare but not focused on mission vs Being the Salt and Light

TAKEAWAYS:



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