



## **“It’s More Than a Wonderful Life”**

The Vineyard Church of Conroe

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### **Sermon Outline Notes**

#### **The “Light” of Christmas IS LIMITED**

#### **The “Light of the World” PROVIDES GUIDANCE AND FULFILLMENT**

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* John 8:12

#### **Jesus came to give us HOPE FOR A WONDERFUL LIFE**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* John 10:10

##### **I. Matthew 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

#### **Our Wonderful Life is ONE WHICH ANSWERS OUR HOPE TO MEET WITH GOD**

*Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, LORD. Psalm 89:15 NLT*

##### **II. Matthew 2:3-8**

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ <sup>7</sup> Then

Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

### **Our Wonderful Life is BUILT ON THE HOPE OF GOD’S PROMISES WHICH DIRECT US**

*So let’s do it—full of belief, confident that we’re presentable inside and out. Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching. Hebrews 10:22-25 MSG*

#### **III. Matthew 2:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### **Our Wonderful Life is GOING SOMEWHERE WHICH GIVES US HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

*Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*