

# Christmas Brings

Purpose

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## 1. Purpose Begins with a \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 2:2 "...Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?..." (NIV=New International Version)*

## 2. Purpose Gives \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 2:2 "...We saw his star as it rose,..." (NLT=New Living Translation)*

## 3. Purpose Requires \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 10:35-36 "So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! <sup>36</sup>Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised." (NLT)*

## 4. Purpose Leads to Worship, Not Just \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 2:11 "...they bowed down and worshiped him." (NLT)*

## 5. Purpose Requires \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 2:12 "When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod." (NLT)*

*2 Corinthians 3:18 "...And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." (NLT)*

*Philippians 1:6 "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." (NLT)*

## 6. Purpose Is \_\_\_\_\_

*Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (NLT)*

*Ephesians 4:1 "Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God." (NLT)*

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. How can God use our discontent to lead us towards purpose? Do you have any personal experience with this? How do we need to be careful with discontent so that we do not allow it to become fleshly?
2. How does purpose give us direction? Can you give some examples?
3. How does purpose require sacrifice? What does scripture say about perseverance? Why is this a quality that is often resisted by many?
4. Why does godly purpose lead to worship not pride?
5. Why does purpose require change? Why do we resist change so much?
6. Since scripture teaches that purpose from God is universal, how are you growing in your purpose?

