

Christmas Longings

Matthew 2:13–18

Home: enchanting but elusive...

1. We are part of the problem in this world

1. Do you find it surprising that people tried (and eventually succeeded) in getting rid of Jesus? What does this reveal about human beings?

2. Are you aware of a longing for home which is never truly satisfied? How does the Bible's storyline help to make sense of this experience?

3. In what ways do we try to soothe our sense of homesickness? How should we respond to it?

4. How does understanding the dark backdrop of the world into which Jesus came, and the mission he came to accomplish, help us to appreciate the wonder of Christmas?

2. We are alienated from our Creator

3. Jesus came to bring us home

Questions for reflection.