

Text: Matthew 2:13-23

God is Faithful

- Faithfulness means _____ (Hos 11:1; Jer 31:15; Is 11:1).
- In faithfulness, God _____.

A Season of New Beginnings

- Jesus' arrival is the beginning of _____.
- What was dead now has _____.

God Redeems Disaster

- When we sanitize Christmas, we miss its _____ (Eccl 7:2, 4).
- Why doesn't God _____?

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some of your favorite Christmas memories? What holiday expectation do you loath?
- When you read Matthew 2:13-23, what surprises you most? Why do we avoid talking about the harsh reality of this passage at Christmas?
- What does it mean to be faithful? How does Matthew present God's faithfulness in these verses?
- What type of action does God's faithfulness take?
- What kind of new beginning does God offer through Jesus? How many times have you needed to rely on God's season of new beginnings?
- Name someone you know who could use a new beginning. What part should Jesus play in their fresh start? What role should you play in their fresh start?
- What do we miss by removing scandal, misery, and injustice from the Christmas story? Why is it important to address the harsh realities of Matthew's account?
- If someone asked you, "Why doesn't your "good" God prevent tragedy and injustice?" how would you answer them? How does Matthew 2:13-23 help?