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Matthew 2:13-23

Expository Outline

“A close messiah...”

1.- ... to the CAPTIVES,...(Egypt, vs. 13-15)

2.- ... to the EXILES,.....(Exile, vs. 16-18)

3.- ...to those EXCLUDED (Galilee, vs. 19-23)

Objective: To reflect on the focus and scope of the Lord's ministry.

Icebreaker:

When was the last time you felt like you didn't belong to a place or to a group of people?

To Start:

1. - Let's go over the memory verses together (Matthew 1:23; 2:6, 23.) and then some volunteers say them from memory.
2. - Let us briefly share some of our notes and/or our reflections derived from last Sunday's teaching on Matthew 2:13-23.

To Observe:

1. - Let's read verses 13 to 15 and discuss what most attracts our attention in this story.
2. - What do verses 16 to 18 and Jeremiah 31:15-34 have in common? Let's read both passages and discuss.
3. - For what reason did Jesus go with his family to live in Nazareth? Let's read and discuss verses 19 to 23.



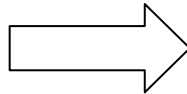
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To Reflect:

1. - In what way has Jesus been your liberator? Could it be right now? How?
2. - Who are the people furthest from God that you know? What should be your way of thinking about them considering that Jesus identifies with all those “exiled and expelled” for their sins?
3. - How should you and I treat all the rejected and discriminated people in our society?

Let's have a time of prayer.

Verses to memorize:



Matthew 3:8-12 NIV

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with^[a] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.