

The Heart of the Matter

12. In your journey toward God, how are you like the Magi?
Unlike them?

13. What have you had to leave to follow Jesus?

14. The Magi were overjoyed to see the star. What is bringing joy to you in your walk with Christ?

15. What treasure do you have in your life that you can give in honor of Christ? How have you offered your life to Him?



Life Group Study Guide

Shepherds, Wise Guys, and a King Wise Men Still Seek Him Matthew 2:1-12 For the Week of December 9, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What is your favorite Christmas food, cookie, or dessert?
3. Who are three "Magi" or wise men in your life that you have looked to for advice?



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Digging Deeper

4. From verse 1 why was it important that Jesus was born in Bethlehem? (Micah 5:2)

5. Who was Herod the Great? How did Herod's background contribute to the development of this account?

6. What would have prompted the wise men to drop everything to follow the star? (Genesis 1:16; Psalm 19:1-6)

7. From verse 3 why would Herod have been disturbed by the visitation of the wise men? What did he proceed to do about it?

8. What did Herod's wise men have to say about the claims of the Magi? How did Herod react to that?

9. How did the Magi respond to Jesus when they saw Him? How should we respond to Jesus? Should our responses be the same?

10. In what ways was Herod manipulative and destructive throughout this account? How were the Magi honorable throughout this account?

11. What do the star, the Magi, the gifts, Herod's hostility, and the prophecy teach about the importance and significance of Jesus?