



Sermon Discussion Questions

"Are You Giving Any Christmas Presence this Year?"

Matthew 2:1-12

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Openers:

What is your favorite Christmas story?

Who has been a wise person in your life? What is one quality that has stood out to you about this person?

Questions:

1. Why was it important that Jesus be born in Bethlehem? See Micah 5:2.
2. Why would the Magi leave everything in order to follow "His star" (v 2)?
3. In light of the prophecy (v 6), why was Herod so concerned that the baby be found?
4. Trace the responses of the Magi upon seeing Jesus. How is that similar to the response that Christians make to Jesus? How is it different?
5. What do the Magi, the star, the gifts, the homage, the hostility, and the prophecy teach about the nature and significance of Jesus?

Practical Application:

6. In your "journey" toward God, how are you like the Magi? Unlike them? Have you had to leave anything or anyone to follow Jesus? Trade stories of your experiences.
7. What is the "gold, incense and myrrh" in your life? How have you offered this to Jesus?
8. This Advent, as we anticipate the coming and the celebration of Christ at Christmas, consider where you as a discipleship group are in your "journey" toward God. Take some time to pray together asking God to guide you as you seek Him in anticipation of His coming. Wait in silence and let God's presence dwell among you, together.