

Magi from the East

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-11

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Discussion Questions:

What is required of those who have means to be able to follow God? Why does God hold us accountable for how our means affect us?

Share about how you came to follow God.

What is the difference between having power, and having your power rule over you?

Why is it good when God knocks you off of your own throne?

Why is it dangerous to have something other than Jesus at the center of your kingdom?

Why is it so important to lay down your name as you follow Jesus?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone having a hard time following God as He calls you to step away from the power you have created in life?

Does anyone need prayer for physical pains or issues that have been hindering you?