



Bible study for the week starting January 7, 2024

SHARE

If you made New Year's resolutions for 2024 and are comfortable sharing, share one of them with the group.

What group resolution would you offer for consideration for your LIFE group?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Ephesians 3:1-6** What mystery that has “now been revealed” is Paul talking about?
 - a. Why does this fit the definition of an epiphany? (see back side for a meaning of epiphany).
 - b. Compare and contrast this epiphany with the promise God made to Abram in Genesis 12:1-3. What similarities does God's promise have with the revealing of the mystery? How does it differ?
2. Read **Matthew 2:1-2**
 - a. There are many stories about who the wise men were and where they came from. Share the ones you have heard. Which ones sound most reasonable to you?
 - b. What is the significance of these men showing up, looking for the Christ (especially in light of the Ephesians passage above)?
 - c. If someone comes to you asking about Jesus, what would you tell them? Practice sharing your answers with the group.
3. When Herod asks for proof of where the Christ will be born, the scribes and chief priests respond with the quote in Matthew 2:6. The full text of the Scripture they reference is from **Micah 5:2-5**.
 - a. What are some of the things in the Micah passage stands out as a reference to Christ?
4. Read **Matthew 2:7-12**
 - a. In what ways did the Lord communicate His will to the wise men?
 - b. How does the Lord communicate His will to us today?

PRAY Divide into pairs. Each share one hope and one fear for 2024. Then pray with and for your partner.



WHERE IS HE?

Matthew 2:1-12

January 7, 2024 – Pastor Marvin St. Pierre

Epiphany means becoming aware of something that has been previously **UNKNOWN** to me.

Matthew is revealing something **SPECIAL** about Jesus.

Matthew reveals something **MORE SPECIAL** about Jesus.

Matthew wants to reveal something **EVEN MORE SPECIAL** about Jesus.

‘Practicing sharing your story with the people who love you is **HOMEWORK.**’

Herod had been **APPOINTED**, not **ANOINTED**.

We shall be their **PEACE**. (*Micah 5:5a*)

May the Peace that passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!