



At The Movies - Week 3

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This weekend, Pastor Todd shares what the wise men's gifts to Jesus teach us about the gift of Jesus.

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Share the one Christmas movie you *have to* watch every Christmas season. Talk about why that movie is such a part of your Christmas.
2. Talk about your dream Christmas gift as a kid. Did you ever end up waking up to it being under the tree? Share what that gift was to your group.

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. The gifts (gold, frankincense, myrrh) given to Jesus by the wise men were prophetic - pointing to Jesus' future.
2. The gifts represent Jesus as King (Gold), High Priest (Frankincense) and His burial (Myrrh).
3. Christmas is meant to point towards the crucifixion and the resurrection.
4. Believe + Accept = Become a Child of God.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Matthew 2:1-11, 27:51; Luke 23:44-46; John 1:12, 19:38-40; Hebrews:7:27

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck out to you. What made it resonate with you?
2. Did you learn anything about the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the wise men brought? Share how it changes the way you look at the nativity scene.
3. Read Isaiah 53:3-6. Read slowly and out loud, if possible. This Old Testament passage, written before the first Christmas, is a prophesy and foreshadowing that one day Jesus would come. Notice how perfectly this passage describes Jesus' future. Does it surprise you that something this specific was written hundreds of years before His coming? Share how it surprises you.
4. Pastor Todd said that we can sometimes separate the Christmas story from the crucifixion. Talk about what this means to you in the way you celebrate Christmas. Do you find it easy or difficult to remember the crucifixion amidst the Christmas season?
5. Each of the wise men's gifts represented something about Jesus' future (the same future we read about in Isaiah 53). They pointed us towards His Kingship, His Priesthood and His burial. Which one of those resonates most with you, from Todd's message? Talk about why.
6. Pastor Todd said that this two-part gift of Jesus goes into the reason for the season. Talk about a way you could instill the reason into the season with your family this Christmas. What's something you could do this Christmas, or as a family to remember Jesus' sacrifice?
7. One of the 5 Rhythms of a Small Group is Serving. In the same way the wise men brought gifts to Jesus, sometimes God calls us to act in service or give to those in need. Talk about a way in the next few weeks you could give some form of a gift to someone in need.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for the gift of your Son. We cannot fathom how incredible it is that you promised Jesus to us, and then came to be with us. Thank you for taking on the weight of our sin and struggles to allow us into a full relationship with you. We love you.

Amen.