

Christmas Playlist (Epiphany Sunday)

Title: We Three Kings

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Discussion Questions

1. On Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men to see the newborn Jesus. Some experts say that they traveled up to 900 miles on their journey west. Why do you think this journey is significant? Do you know of any elements of travel in the first century world that would make travel difficult and often dangerous?
2. The average person in America drives thirty miles per day. In the first century world however, the average person never traveled more than a thirty-mile radius from their hometown. How do you think this would impact their view of the world? What do you think this signifies about the travel that the Wise Men went on? Why is the distance significant?
3. The Wise Men came seeking Jesus. They were willing to risk the dangers of travel because seeing this new thing God was doing in Jesus, and worshiping Him, was understood as being worth the risk. Are you willing to be uncomfortable this year if it means growing in your faith? Is there a particular thing that God is calling you to? Is there a way God is calling you to step outside of your comfort zone for the sake of growing in your relationship with Him?
4. As the Wise Men came, they brought with them gifts fit for a king. What they didn't know was that the best Christmas gift was Jesus himself. Jesus himself is the true and better Christmas gift, born into this broken and hurting world to bring peace, comfort, healing, redemption, and light into darkness. What would it look like for you to accept Jesus more fully into your life this year? Are there any areas of darkness that you need the light of Christ to shine into?