

The Gifts of Epiphany – Frankincense

“Just for Fun” Discussion Questions:

If you had to pick a favorite Magi based on the gifts they brought, which one would be your favorite and why?

If you could have “relationship access” (able to ask them anything and get honest answers) with any biblical character in the Christmas story, who would you pick? Why?

If you could have “relationship access” to any person in the Old Testament, who would you pick? Why?

If you could have “relationship access” to any currently living person on planet earth, who would you pick? Why?

Jesus was both fully God and fully man. Do you think he understood the significance of the gifts when he received them (he was approximately 2 years old)? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions from the Message:

What do you think it was like for humans to have access to God before the fall?

What are some of the consequences of our access being restricted that we did not discuss? Are there any consequences to society? The environment? Family relationships and dynamics? How does restricted access to God effect these areas of our life?

What (if any) part of the temple layout and design do you find most interesting? Why? What (if any) part of the temple layout and design do you find most unsettling or upsetting? Why?

In what ways was Jesus a superior high priest to what Israel had?

In what ways did Jesus offer a superior sacrifice?

When you think of the fact that Jesus is seated next to His Father, what does that mean to you? Does it matter? Why or why not?

How do you personally most enjoy and benefit from the access you have to God as a result of Christ’s work as your high priest?

If someone gave you 60 seconds to answer the question “Why did the Magi give Jesus Frankincense?” how would you respond?