

Oh Holy Disruption



Week 4: The Wise Men – When Our Journey Leads to Worship

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Small Groups

The Magi were seekers—open, humble, willing to follow God’s guidance one step at a time. Their journey led to joy and worship.

Herod was a controller—fearful, insecure, and determined to protect his own “kingdom.” His response led to paranoia, violence, and spiritual blindness.

1. **The Heart-Level Contrast:** What emotions drove the Magi’s actions? What emotions drove Herod’s? Which set of emotions do you relate to more in this season?
2. **Control vs. Surrender:** Where do you sense yourself striving to “protect your own kingdom” instead of trusting God with outcomes?
3. **Worship vs. Self-Importance:** In what subtle ways can we make life “about us”? What practices help re-center Jesus as King?
4. **Guided by God or Driven by Fear:** Do your major decisions tend to be guided more by God’s direction or by internal fear/anxiety?
5. **The Joy Factor:** Where have you recently experienced a glimpse of joy as a result of obedience or trust? What does that reveal about where real joy comes from?
6. **When God Interrupts Your Plans:** Do you respond more like the Magi (curiosity, trust) or Herod (defensiveness, fear) when God disrupts your expectations?
7. **A Personal Kingdom Check:** If someone observed your priorities, schedule, or decisions, what “kingdom” would they see you building?