

THE Early YEARS

Sermon Discussion Questions - September 26 & 28, 2025

Gospel of Matthew - The Early Years

Matthew 2:1-23

Cornerstone Men

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.

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Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

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RightNow Media

Cornerstone provides access to RightNow Media, so if your group would like to use their resources for a study, check out the site!

rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi

Meal for Care Night

Each week, a small group provides dinner for attendees of Care Night, held on Wednesday nights. If your group is interested in serving in this way, email Gayle at gdwright@cornerstone.team.

Ice Breaker: *Matthew only gives us snapshots of Jesus's infancy and early childhood years.*

- **Q1:** If you could time travel and witness one moment from Jesus's early life, what would it be—and why that one?

Read Matthew 2:1-23 together. Matthew presents King Jesus as a polarizing figure.

- **Q2:** Why do you think some people are threatened by the idea of Jesus as King—then and now?
- **Q3:** Oppositely, what do you think draws some people to immediately worship King Jesus with joy?

Receiving Jesus as King is a DAILY decision for our ongoing sanctification.

- **Q4: In what areas of your life are you most tempted to reject the Kingship of Jesus? (Could be marriage, work, parenting, time, money, etc.)**
- **Q5: What prevents you from fully surrendering to Him in those areas?**

Matthew shows us that God has woven all of history—and the Bible—around Jesus.

- **Q6: How does it change the way you interact with the Bible to know that it all intentionally points to Jesus?**

At the end of this passage, Jesus ends up back in Nazareth—a place considered insignificant.

- **Q7: How does it encourage you to know that even the “small” or “insignificant” parts of Jesus’s story were part of God’s plan? What does that say about your own story?**

This passage invites us into a deeper experience of Christ-centered thinking and Christ-centered living.

- **Q8: Where do you sense the Holy Spirit nudging you to re-surrender to Jesus’s kingship this week—or maybe even surrender for the first time? How can you respond to that?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other and spend some time in prayer together!

Upcoming Scripture for Next Week: Matthew 3:1-17