

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS — Epiphany: The King Revealed to the World

OPENING QUESTION

1. Have you ever had your plans disrupted by something unexpected that later proved meaningful or important? What was that like?

SCRIPTURE AND DISCUSSION

2. Read Matthew 2:1–3 together.
Herod is “troubled” by the news of Jesus’ birth. Why do you think the arrival of a new king creates fear rather than joy for him?
3. Where do you notice resistance in your own heart when Jesus’ authority challenges your sense of control or comfort? What makes surrender difficult?
4. Read Matthew 2:4–6.
The religious leaders know the Scriptures but do not go to Bethlehem. Why is it possible to have correct knowledge about God and still remain spiritually unmoved?
5. Where do you see this tension today between religious familiarity and genuine response to Jesus? How can we guard against spiritual apathy?
6. Read Matthew 2:7–10.
The Magi travel a great distance with limited information, yet they rejoice greatly when they find Jesus. What does this reveal about how God draws people to Himself?
7. Can you think of a time when God used an unexpected person, circumstance, or season to deepen your faith? What did that teach you about grace?
8. Read Matthew 2:11.
The Magi respond with worship and costly gifts. Why is it tempting to admire Jesus without offering Him our best?

9. What does “wholehearted worship” look like in everyday life rather than just in church settings? Where does that feel most challenging right now?
10. Matthew tells us the Magi returned home by another way.
Why does encountering Jesus inevitably change the direction of our lives?
11. In what area of your life might Christ be inviting you to “go home by another way” right now? What would obedience look like there?

REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

12. Which response to Jesus do you most identify with right now: resistance, indifference, or worship? Why do you think that is?
13. Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is King for the whole world. How does that truth reshape how we view our priorities, fears, or ambitions?
14. What is one intentional step you can take this week to respond more fully to Christ’s kingship in your life?
15. End in Prayer Together