

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: Son of David

Sermon Title: Why Bethlehem?

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Date Preached: December 6, 2020

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

In the midst of a challenging year, what helpful advice would you give for approaching this Christmas season?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other's week, this would be a good time to gather everyone's prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Share the name of the town where you were born. How would you describe the town?

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. What in this week's scripture was most interesting?
2. How did God guide the magi to the place where Jesus was born? Read Romans 1:20. How is God using his creation to help you worship Jesus?
3. Read Micah 5:2. What is so significant about this prophecy? How does this prophecy provide encouragement for you today? How will it encourage you in future events?
4. How would you describe King Herod and the time during which Jesus was born?
5. Jay said in his sermon, "The world was a mess when Jesus was born. It was a mess when Jesus died. It was a mess when Jesus was resurrected. It will be a mess when Jesus comes back." What frustrates you about this statement? What gives you hope?
6. What can we learn about God from this week's scripture?
7. What can we learn about people from this week's scripture?

MY NEXT STEP:

Jesus' birth in Bethlehem proves to us that God is always in control even when it sometimes feels like He isn't. Who can you share this positive message with this Christmas season?

PRAYER:

A core value of our church is 'Urgent Prayer.' Please be sure to include prayer in your group meetings.

Next Week's Sermon Title: Son of David: Why Mary?