

Faith Community Church Seek the King

Faith Group Questions & Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to help group members seek Jesus in a fresh way this Christmas season.

Icebreaker: What's the most unusual or unexpected gift you've ever received?

Key Takeaways:

- 1. God loves all people.
- 2. Everyone needs Jesus.
- 3. Seeking Jesus requires commitment and persistence.
- 4. The Magi's gifts pointed out Jesus as our King, Savior, and Sacrifice.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What call for obedience did you act on last week? Tell us about it!
- 2. The wise men sought Jesus despite uncertainty, expense, and hardship. What obstacles or challenges make it difficult for you to seek Jesus wholeheartedly? (1 Corinthians 11:23-33, 12:10)
- 3. The wise men likely didn't find what they expected—a humble home instead of a palace, poor people instead of royalty. Have you ever had expectations about Jesus or the Christian life that turned out differently? How did you respond? How should you respond? (Matthew 5:3-12)
- 4. We need to "let Jesus be Jesus" rather than creating a version of Him we prefer, like turning Him into a Santa Claus or a vending machine. In what ways might we be tempted to reshape Jesus to fit our preferences? How can we get a truer picture? (Philippians 2:6-8, Matthew 9:10-13)

- 5. The Magi worshiped Jesus extravagantly with gifts from their treasures. What does it look like practically to worship God extravagantly with your "treasures" (time, money, talents, priorities)? (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
- 6. Hebrews 11:6(NKJV) says God "rewards those who diligently seek Him." What might "diligently seeking" God look like in your daily life? (Matthew 7:7, Philippians 3:7-10)

Practical Applications:

Choose one of the following to practice this week. Be ready to share next week!

- 1. Daily Seeking. Set aside 10-15 minutes each day to seek Jesus through prayer and Scripture reading. Journal about what obstacles you face and how you overcome them.
- 2. Worship Through Giving. Like the wise men, bring a gift to Jesus. This could be:
 - ☐ A financial gift to your church or a ministry
 - ☐ Time volunteered to serve others
 - ☐ A sacrifice of something that competes with Jesus for your attention
 - ☐ Look back at #5 above for ideas
- 3. Share Your Journey., The wise men's story has inspired people for 2,000 years. Share your testimony of seeking and finding Jesus with one person this week—perhaps someone who doesn't know Him yet.
- 4. Repaint your Picture. Identify one area where you've created a "Jesus of your own making" rather than accepting who He really is. Spend time in Scripture studying who Jesus truly is (His character, His requirements, His promises).

Closing Prayer: Ask God to help each person seek Jesus diligently despite obstacles. Pray for all of us to become better worshipers this Christmas season.