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WORSHIP THE KING
MATTHEW 2:1-12

Introduction

BIG IDEA: What is our response to King Jesus?

1. Herod: The Response of Agitated Defiance

2. Magi: The Response of Joyful Worship

Conclusion

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. What is something you have a strong reaction to (like pineapple on pizza, Pepsi or Coke, Mac or PC)?
2. What do we see of Herod's heart and the Magi's heart in their reactions to the arrival of King Jesus?
3. The Magi were looking for answers in the stars, and God met them there. How have you experienced God meeting you right where you are to help you find Him?
4. As you consider the responses of Herod and the Magi, what do you resonate with in your own heart? In what ways can you be like Herod? In what ways like the Magi?
5. Are there any ways in which you find yourself longing for King Jesus this Advent? How might you set aside time to acknowledge those longings with Him?
6. We've said that disciple is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed to the mission** of Jesus. Spend some time praying for each other that you would truly follow Jesus, that like the Magi, you would respond with joyful worship as he leads you, and that you would surrender the areas of your life where you are still holding on to control.

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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