

Specific Questions: Text: Matthew 2:1-12

1. What is one blessing have you received in the Christmas season? (for example, experiencing a time of unemployment and then being hired just before Christmas.)
2. Sometimes we may encounter others who want us to believe they are blessing us (through gifts, words, counsel) but what they are doing is for their own benefit. How would you discern that?
3. the Magi expressed blessing in very tangible ways. What are some ways you can (or will) bless someone (a stranger, a neighbor, family member, God) in the next few days?
4. Many resist submitting to Jesus' reign over their lives. What are some ways you experience His blessing by following and obeying Him?
5. At the time of Jesus' birth there were at least 3 Kings, (Herod, the Magi, and Jesus). Today, who, or what, are some of the kings people follow rather than Jesus?
6. Jesus said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20:35). Why do we find that hard to believe? Since Jesus said it is true, how could we get our hearts to agree with that?
7. What are some ways you could bless Jesus this year?

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?