

It's in the Stars

Matthew 2:1-12

Ice Breaker: Describe a time when the Lord used something or someone seemingly “unspiritual” to get you pointed in the right direction – toward Himself or His Kingdom purposes for your life.

BIG IDEA: God so longs for the whole world to come to a saving knowledge of His Son – that He used what was happening in the sky to get the Magi pointed in the right direction. In turn, the Magi acted on every piece of truth that came their way...which ultimately led them to Jesus.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Matthew 2:1-12. Identify and discuss all the different ways that God speaks to and reveals truth to the Magi. What are some of the ways you sense God speaking to you?
- 2) What role do the Scriptures play in the Magi getting to Jesus? What does this tell us about the importance of God's Word – in relationship to the other ways that God speaks to us? What role would you say the Scriptures play for you – in discerning God's leading in your life? In other words, do you regularly approach God's Word as though it's a way that He wants to give you direction and guidance for your life? Why or why not?
- 3) Read Matthew 2:1-12 again. This time identify and discuss how the Magi respond each time additional truth is revealed to them. How is this pattern of response seen in the Magi's spiritual journey present (or lacking) in your own walk with God? What would it look like for this pattern of response in the Magi to be more present in your life?
- 4) Pastor Joshua commented that if we want to experience the kind of supernatural life God intends for us, we need to follow in the footsteps of the Magi, and enter into a journey of really seeking Jesus. He said that while this journey is marked by danger and hardship, it's also a journey that's marked by the miraculous. Do you think that's true? If so, then what's one way for you to be more intentional in really following Jesus?
- 5) Spend some time praying for each other as you're on this journey. Pray, too, for those in our church family who have recently made the decision to enter a journey of following Jesus – for the first time.