

Below are follow up questions for you to consider related to today's message "The Wise Men's Story" from Matthew 2:1-12.

Discussion Questions:

1. What Christmas traditions do you enjoy?
2. How do you hope to "see" Christ this advent season?
3. What different responses do you see in this passage to the news of the birth of the "King of the Jews"?
4. Why do you think the chief priests and scribes were so apathetic about Jesus, despite knowing and loving the Bible?
5. Where in the Bible do you see God including unexpected people in His family? How does this affect you?
6. What are your plans for reading the Bible in 2019? What do you think about the idea of reading and highlighting all the places God includes outsiders, unexpected people, and all the nations?
7. What difficulties do you think these wise men would have experienced on their journey?
8. Where do you see others journeying in the Bible?
9. How can this story of their journey fuel risk-taking faith?
10. Is there a step of faith you sense God calling you to take now? What is one way you can respond?

Announcements:

Electronic version of the [Christmas Eve invitation](#) and the [Upcoming Events handout](#).

Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - Ludwig van Beethoven and Henry van Dyke

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Charles Wesley

O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam

In Christ Alone - Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Go Tell It on the Mountain - Jeremy Bush, David Crowder, Mike Dodson, Mike Hogan, Jack Parker, Mark Waldrop, and John W. Work

Worship Leader: Ryan Holland, Matt McCartney

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Next week: Herod's Story; Matthew 2:13-23