



DIGGING DEEPER

WEEK 3

The Magi's Journey

Key Scripture [Have someone read aloud to your group]

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. **[Matthew 2:1-11]**

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from this weekend's message or Matthew 2:1-11?
2. The magi were very unexpected people to show up to meet Jesus. Is it hard for you to believe that people today that seem "out there" spiritually, in your mind, could actually be seeking and finding Jesus?
3. God went to great lengths to pursue and draw in the Magi. Share an example of how you have you seen God drawing you to himself in your own life.
4. In Matthew 2:8 Herod is recorded as saying "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." We know from this story that he had very different motives, and intended to kill Jesus. How could Herod seem to understand the truth, like the Magi, and still have such a wrong response to Jesus?

Have you ever been like Herod (on a smaller scale) in how you have responded to Jesus?

5. What was it that began your journey to Jesus?