

LIFE Group Sermon Discussion Questions

January 8, 2012

Matthew 2:1-16 – “The Revelation of Christ to the Gentiles”

Summary:

This is the story of the Three Wise Men, or Magi, and the spiritual significance of their journey and discovery. It is an account rich in spiritual truth and heart-searching lessons. We see two very different responses and results to God’s revelation in the Magi and King Herod, and we glean more precious information and insight into the nature and calling of this Child.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who were the Magi and what were they doing in Jerusalem?
2. What was the means to their getting there? What do you think the star was?
3. Do you understand the difference between natural and special revelation? What is it?
4. Can natural revelation lead us to Christ?
5. What impresses you most about the Magi?
6. What kind of man was Herod? Why was he that way?
7. Who had more revelation, Herod or the Magi? What does this tell us about the value of extensive revelation received?
8. In what ways can we imitate the Magi?
9. In what ways are like Herod?
10. What is Matthew trying to tell us about Jesus in this passage?

Rabbit Trail of the Week:

Why is this event often called the "Epiphany" in church services?