



Sermon Discussion Guide

Christmastide: Three Responses To A King

Matthew 2:1-12, 16

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Have you ever seen yourself in a biblical story? Specifically, have you ever seen yourself as a person other than the hero in the story? Which one?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

HEROD

3. Ronnie explained “god killing” is often seen in “god killing culture”. What did he mean? Have you ever felt stigmatized in your professional or social life for being “too serious” about your faith?

RELIGIOUS LEADERS

4. When the Messiah arrived, the religious leaders knew all about him, but had no “appetite” for him. How did they manipulate their faith to make Jesus unnecessary? How might you be guilty of the same thing?

WISEMEN

5. The wise men forsook everything to worship the newborn king. What do you suppose they understood about the newborn God-King that made worshipping him the most reasonable response? What part of the gospel do you need to drill down into your heart so that worshipping at Jesus feet becomes more instinctive?

Step 3: Final Reflections

6. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
7. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?