

## SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

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### Welcome

- 1) Have you gone on a physical journey of some sort? Where did you go? What memories do you have of that journey?
- 2) If you could travel to any place on the planet, where would you go and why?

### Word

Read Matthew 2:1-12

- 1) Why was Herod troubled by news of the Magi, the star, and the birth of the king?
- 2) What compelled these Gentile Magi to worship a Jewish king?
- 3) Why do you think the Magi did not report back to Herod?
- 4) Put yourself in the shoes of the Magi. What was their journey like? How long was it? How difficult was it if they traveled from Persia to Bethlehem?
- 5) Consider this statement: *A real encounter with Christ will not leave us unchallenged or unchanged.* How has an encounter with Jesus challenged or changed you?
- 6) What must people give up or sacrifice if they want to go on a journey to seek the truth of Jesus?
- 7) In what ways is "journey" a helpful metaphor in describing the Christian life?
- 8) Why does epiphany imply "birth," "death," and "another way"?

### Work

- 1) What can you give up or do differently this year to devote more time to seeking Jesus?

### Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 4 / Mon: 5 / Tue: 6 / Wed: 7 / Thu: 8 / Fri: 9 / Sat: 10
- 2) Pray for each other