

God's Greatest Gift - Witness His Majesty
Matthew 2:1-12
12-24-21

I. Experience God's Truth.

"But if you find yourself experiencing a desire to seek God, we have great news for you: God is already at work in you." - Henry T. Blackaby (Experiencing the Spirit)

Proverbs 1:7 – "...*knowing the Holy One is true understanding.*"

"...so he convened the judges of the Sanhedrin, and brought before them the brother of Jesus, the one called Christ..." - Flavius Josephus (37-100AD)

John 1:14 – "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*"

Matthew 2:1-2 – "*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'*"

Jeremiah 29:13 – "*When you search for Me with all your heart, you will find Me.*"

II. Experience God's Joy.

Matthew 2:10 – "*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*"

John 15:11 – "*These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*"

III. Experience God's Eternal Gift.

Matthew 2:11-12 – "*And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*"

Growing Deeper This Week

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Ask God to reveal Himself to you.
2. How do you define worship? Look up the word *worship* in a dictionary.
3. Why did God the Father choose such a humble beginning for Jesus' birth?
4. In what ways can all the busyness of life and the Christmas season divert your attention from worship of Jesus?
5. Discuss as a group what it would look like for someone to be trying to serve Jesus, but not worshipping Him.
6. The scripture says the wise men came a long way to worship. How do we know they truly worshipped Him? (See also Matthew 22:37) Who are they worshipping? (Isaiah 9:6,7) In what sense do they model truth seekers? (Deuteronomy 4:29)
7. Read verses 11-12. What did the Magi do when they found Jesus? Why were they so joyful? What can we learn from them about joy?
8. What steps can you take to maintain a spirit of worship this Christmas season? Pray for each other to worship the Lord.