

## **Life Group Discussion/Personal Meditation Questions:**

Icebreaker: What is your favorite tradition related to Christmas?

Read Matthew 2:2, 7.

1. Read Numbers 24:17. Which explanation of the star (see the other side of this handout) seems most believable? Why?

2. Read Matthew 2:9-10. Why do you think the wise men were overjoyed at seeing the star again?

3. What specific direction in your life has studying God's word given you recently?

Read Matthew 2:4-6.

4. Read Micah 5:2. Why is this prophecy significant and how could the religious leaders so knowledgeable about Scripture miss its fulfillment?

5. Read Daniel 9:25-26a. A week symbolizes a year and a year is 360 days on the Jewish calendar. Jerusalem was rebuilt around 444 BC, so 476 solar years later places Messiah' death around AD 30. How might the religious leaders also miss this significant prophecy?

6. Read John 1:11. How does this describe the situation at Jesus' birth and today?

7. How can you be actively following the star instead of waiting for someone else to come back and tell you what God is doing?