

Life Group Discussion/Personal Meditation Questions:

Icebreaker:

What “wise men” (or women) do you look to for counsel? Why?

Read Matthew 2:1.

1. What are your mental images (and assumptions) about the wise men?
2. If the wise men were priestly astrologers and astronomers from Persia (Iran), why might God have chosen to reveal His plan for the world to them?
3. Read Daniel 5:11. If Daniel was chief of the Magi hundreds of years earlier, how might God have used that to arrange history in Jesus' time?
4. If the wise men were looking for God possibilities, what God possibilities are at work in your life right now during the Christmas season?

Read Matthew 2:2-3, 7-8.

5. Since Herod was so notoriously paranoid and brutal, why might he be so “disturbed” at the appearance of these Persian, “king-maker”, wise men?
6. Contrast the wise men's response to Herod's response. Why do you think each responded so differently?
7. What sacrifices are you willing to make on your spiritual quest?