



# The Appearing...

THE COMING OF THE VERY SON OF GOD

## **December 26: The Story of the Wise**

### Icebreaker:

What is a word of wisdom (a phrase, piece of advice, or quote) that is easy for you to remember? What has made it memorable?

### Message Bible Text:

1 Corinthians 1:18-24; 30-31

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are the assumptions of our times about wisdom and power? How are those messages conveyed to us? What makes them attractive in our society?
2. Are there methods of Bible study that have worked well in the past? What causes us to fall away from regular, faithful scripture study? How do we really ingest God's Word?
3. What kind of pace have you been on over the past weeks and months? What can we learn from Jesus, who would not allow other people to take him off his God-given timeline?
4. What is the gospel message that people hear - and see! - in your life? How can we become more transparent about the true gospel of God's love for us?

### Supplemental Bible Texts:

John 1:1-14, Luke 2:41-52, Proverbs 9:10

## Take-Home Thoughts:

- What we believe about power and wisdom is manifest in how we live our lives. Consistency and integrity are essential. Are we different when we're with the CEO as opposed to a co-worker? Am I the same person when I am around people of power and wisdom, or do I change?
- The gospel of Jesus is God reiterating - in many ways, at many times - "I love you!"

## Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Ongoing discernment for our consistory and congregation as we consider our denominational future
- That God would provide wisdom and a cruciform life for us in 2022.
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## Memory Verse

**1 Corinthians 1:30** - *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*