



Small Discipleship Groups
Sermon Guide Questions
25 DECEMBER 2022



Ice Breaker: what's the best birthday gift you've given to another person and the best birthday gift you've ever received?

Birthdays include

- a. honoring the birthday celebrator
- b. festivities and celebrations
- c. gift giving

Read aloud **Matthew 2:1-16**

Pray and ask God to enlighten and encourage you to pursue his leading.

“Birthday of a King”

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Discovery Questions:

1. What are the two types of people we see in the passage and how did they respond to Jesus.
 - a. Those represented by the Magi, who acknowledged Jesus is King. They bowed down and worshipped Him
 - b. Those represented by Herod, who rejected Jesus as King. Herod tried to kill Jesus by putting to death all the boys in Bethlehem who were two years old and under.
2. What were the gifts given by the Magi? (Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh)

Understanding Questions:

1. We honor a birthday celebrator by giving appropriate gifts. Why did the Magi give Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh as gifts? (Those were traditional gifts and highly valued and given to royalty in the Middle East at that time. The gifts reveal that Jesus was revered as King not only by Jews but also by Gentiles who lived in the Middle East.)
2. We also honor Christ through our obedience. Both the Magi and Joseph received instructions from God through dreams and immediately obeyed. What does this tell us about the Magi and Joseph? (That they were attuned to the prompting of God and that they didn't have any reservations in obeying promptly.)

Application Questions:

1. What God-honoring gift have you given/will give to Jesus this Christmas time?
2. What specific act of obedience do you feel God wants you to do?

Pray for one another's requests.

