

Sermon Discussion Guide
The Weary World Rejoices
Week 3: The Wisemen
Matthew 2:1-12 | December 20, 2020

Big Idea

Even during a weary time, hospitality is an important part of Christmas.

Opening Questions

What is the biggest surprise someone has pulled off for you? What's the biggest surprise you've pulled off for someone else?

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Matthew 2:1-8**. How do the wisemen represent for us that Christ' birth is a gift for all people?
2. We learned that Christmas is built for out-of-town guests. Can you share an example you've seen of someone distant from Jesus coming close to Him?
3. Read **Matthew 2:9-11**. The wisemen were surprise guests. Has God ever used a surprise to show you how He's working in your life? If so, share.
4. Read **Acts 1:8**. During the sermon, we learned that Christians are spread across the entire world. What makes this so profound? What contributed to this happening? How can you participate in this mission?
5. We learned that we are called to hospitality. Why is hospitality so important? What are the most important factors that contribute to a good experience for someone you are entertaining?

Concluding Questions

This year there are significant challenges for holiday hospitality. What are some creative ways you've seen others handle this? How can you personally shine the light of Christ through hospitality, even during a time of social distancing?

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son. Help us look for ways to provide hospitality to those around us so that we can be a light for Christ during this complicated holiday season. Amen."