

Lesson 3

The Wise Men and Herod | [Matthew 2](#)

START MEETING

1. If Jesus was coming back by the end of this year, how would that make you feel? How would you live different?

READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

2. List the different people or groups in Matthew 2:1 - 8 and their responses to the news of Christ's birth.
3. Read Micah 5:1 - 4. What does this tell you about the rule and reign of King Jesus?
4. Read Hosea 11:1 - 4. How is the Jesus's relationship with God similar to Israel's relationship with God? How is it different?
5. What are some of the consequences of sins akin to Herod's (insecurity, fear, lust for power) in the world today? How does this prove the importance of the kingship of Jesus?
6. Read John 1:43-46. What is significant about Jesus growing up in Nazareth?
7. Consider the journey of the wise men to find the King of the Jews. What challenges and sacrifices did they have to make? How does our spiritual journey parallel theirs?

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PASSAGE FOCUS

We can respond to Jesus, the one true King, like Herod, by clinging to what we have, or like the wise men, by seeking Him through sacrificial worship

STUDY GUIDE

LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

Close meeting

- What are the touchy areas in your life? (These are areas that you find it difficult to submit to God's Kingship) How can you live in an open-handed posture before God.

- How can you further resolve to seek God and worship Him for the year of 2023? Think of some practical ways.

If God so convicts you, you may pray Wesley's Covenant Prayer as shown below. You can pray it individually or as a Life Group.

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.