

Life Group Discussion Guide

The Finest Gifts
Matthew 2:1-11

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O COME LET US ADORE HIM

INTRODUCTION

"The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence" is a quote based on Matthew 1:23, "She will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

It's an awesome thought, isn't it? God is ever present in our lives. We don't have to pick up the phone or go to His house to talk to Him. He is with us every day, every hour, every minute.

Share the gift of God's presence with others this Christmas season. It will be the best gift you've ever given them.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about one of your favorite Christmas gifts you have given or received.
2. Do you and your family have any unique gift giving traditions (Dirty Santa, can't be over \$20, must fit in a predetermined container, etc)? Tell the group about your weirdness.

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Matthew 2:1-12. When word of the magi spread throughout Jerusalem, King Herod gathered the high priests and religious scholars as well as the magi. How did each of these characters respond to the news of the Messiah being born? Why were there such dramatic differences in how they responded to Jesus' birth?
2. Stuart said the Magi gave generously. What is generous giving?
3. God went to great lengths to reveal His Son to the world. How does this make you feel knowing God "rewrote the stars" to reveal His Son? What does this reveal about His power?
4. Reread Matthew 2:10-11. These men traveled for days and days to find the child of a carpenter. Why do they have joy instead of a "Where is the palace" attitude when they find the King?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. The Magi brought three distinct gifts to Jesus. What is your favorite way to worship God?
2. The Magi came a long distance to give. What do you have to fight through or what keeps you from giving generously?



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