

 **LIFE Group Discussion Questions for December 17/18**

**GUIDELINES:** LIFE Group Discussion Questions are meant to be a tool used to help guide your time together. You may or may not fit all areas and questions into your time. Additional resources such as the LIFE Group Video Question can be found each week at: [www.crossroadschurch.com/Ministries](http://www.crossroadschurch.com/Ministries) under ‘LIFE Group Resources’.

**Enjoy your time and let God lead you!**

**KICKING IT OFF:**  1) Which of the Christmas Show performances are you going to? Are you going as a LIFE Group? 2) What is your favorite food that you associate with Christmas? What memories are involved?

**MEMORY VERSE***:* “When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” Matthew 2:10.

**GROUP DISCUSSION:** *LIFE Group Video Question – Visit* [*www.crossroadschurch.com/ministries*](http://www.crossroadschurch.com/ministries) *under the LIFE Group Resources Tab to access the Video and Video Group Question.*

**GOING DEEPER:**

1. Read Matthew 2:1 – 3. Looking at verse 3, before Pastor Chuck’s discussion of who Herod was, how did you interpret the phrase: ”all Jerusalem with him?” Have you ever worked under or with a person that, in some way, acted like King Herod? As a Christian, how did you handle the situation?
2. Read Matthew 2:4 – 6. and Micah 5:2. This Micah passage was written approximately 725 years BC. Approximately 200 years later, Daniel, the Chief Magi, predicts the time of the coming of Jesus (Daniel 9:25). So the Magi had half the information and the Priest the other half. What was the difference on how their information was used and what was the ultimate outcome? (HINT: The response involves travel.)
3. How does this situation describe our relationship with Christ? What is He calling us to do with the information that we have?
4. Matthew 2:12 speaks of a dream warning the Magi. In a similar fashion, Matthew 2:13 speaks of a dream warning Joseph. Based on these two dream warnings, what can you say about God’s desire to care for us? Have you ever been “spoken to” with a word of warning? What happened?
5. Read Matthew 2:11. What was the Magi’s attitude when they presented their gifts? It is believed that these gifts made it possible for Joseph, Mary, and Jesus to travel to and stay in Egypt. How has God demonstrated His interest and love when we through our life was really desperate?
6. What would you describe as the underlying theme of this “story?”

***Love Like Jesus Loves***

* How, during this season, have you demonstrated the concept of “Love Like Jesus Loves?” Why do you think that it is easier for people to do that during the holidays?

***Intentional Intimacy***

* The Magi traveled for about 2 years and for over a thousand miles in order to spend just a short amount of time with Jesus. How does that compare to our time spent with the Lord?

***Fully Surrendered***

* How do Romans 8:32 and Galatians 2:20 illustrate the concept for being Fully Surrendered?

 ***Experience More***

* The Magi traveled a thousand miles to experience more; Herod had the same opportunity if he would have traveled 5 ½ miles; and what about you. How far are you willing to travel?