



Christmas

THE PATH TO GRACE



- The Wise Men -

ICE BREAKER:

- What is one of your favorite family Christmas traditions?

DISCUSSION:

1. Here are a few questions you can consider as you get ready to celebrate Christmas with the right attitude like the wise men:
 - Is Jesus the center of your traditions?
 - If Jesus joined your Christmas party, would He feel like the king?
2. **Read Matthew 2:1-12** What did worshiping Jesus involve for the Magi? How does this influence your understanding of worship?
3. **Read Romans 12:1** How can we use our lives as acts of worship? It could mean something big, but more often it is the small daily decisions to sacrifice that are difficult. What are some of these things in your life?
4. **Read 2 Samuel 24:24** David says he wouldn't offer sacrifices to God that cost him nothing. We can see that the gifts the magi offered were treasures fit for a king. Their worship cost them a large amount of time and expense. What gift (physical, attitudinal or otherwise) do you want to give to Christ this Christmas as a gift of worship?
5. How does the fact, God brought to pass that which had been prophesied centuries earlier influence your understanding about Him?
6. How does this affect you in relating to Him?"

Application:

- For us we need to learn that worship requires sacrifice, both of our time and expense. Ask God to give you the wisdom to know Jesus and the desire to worship and serve Him more than yourselves. Thank God for the opportunity to worship Him freely because of what Jesus did on your behalf.
- God has not only revealed His Son to the wise men. He also revealed Him to us. The wise men had an amazing story to share of how God led them to Christ. If you are a follower of Christ, you also have an amazing story to share. I hope you will find someone to share it with this Christmas season.