

Questions:

1. What was Christmas like for you growing up? What did you like best about it? What did you like least?
2. Read Matthew 2:1-12. How do you think the Magi first learned that a king would one day be born in Israel who would reign over all?
3. Consider for a moment the three responses to the announcement of Christ's birth. How would you describe Herod's response (see verse 13)? How would you describe the response of the religious leaders?
4. Read verse 11 again. How would you describe the response of the Magi? What does their response reveal about the identity of the child?
5. Do you think most people today are like Herod, the religious leaders or the Magi when it comes to their perspective of Jesus? Explain your answer. What can we learn from the Magi about how we should respond to Jesus?
6. Read Numbers 24:17 and Micah 5:2. How might these prophecies impact how we view the Bible?
7. If the Bible really is the Word of God, why do you think people don't spend more time reading or studying it?
8. What lesson(s) can you apply to your own life as a result of this study?