

Sermon Discussion Guide

Week 2

Christmas is a time to re-engage with the light that may be dimming.

Lights

FINDING THE BRIGHT HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

Q: King Herod was consumed with ambition. Do you struggle with trying to control the future?

- When was a time you tried to control an outcome and it created more chaos?
- Why do you think control and ambition are such powerful temptations?

FOCUS VERSE

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. (Matt. 2:1-4)



BRING IT TO LIGHT

When the Magi heard about the baby Jesus they came to worship him. When Herod heard about it, he was disturbed

- What is your reaction to the story of Jesus coming to earth as King?
- Do you find surrender to God easy or difficult?

READ IT ALOUD

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." (Matt. 2:7-8)

- Control is powered by deceit and manipulation. Have you ever felt controlled or manipulated by someone who claimed to be a worshipper of God?

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Worship is recognizing something bigger and better than yourself; it is recognizing that you are in the Presence of awe. - Pastor Kyle

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REFLECT + PRAY TOGETHER

Reflect on Revelation 22:16:

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

Who is your king? Jesus or self?

Pray for surrender to increase in each other's hearts. Ask God to make Jesus king over everything. so we can be **ROOTED** in him and **WORSHIP** him as the light of the world He is.