

Study Questions
December 9
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Matthew 2:1-12

1. If Christmas this year is said to find our nation/church/family in an unhappy or uncertain time, can you tell one way that is true for you?
2. What do you know of the first Christmas that would indicate it was a) a good time for God to come to earth or b) a difficult time for the birth of the Lord?
3. The Wise Men saw a star and followed it. What is one idea or conviction or truth that for you is a "star," and which you are willing to follow with your life as the Magi did?
4. If God arranged all the existing stars in the sky into a message that read "God exists," would that help you believe in God more, or would it have no effect?
5. What aspect of the Wise Men do you think is most important: their seeing the star; their traveling over long and arduous distances; their worshipping Jesus; their giving gifts to the baby?
6. God makes special moments that have particular spiritual value to people. What is one such moment in your life?
7. In what ways was the first Christmas a specially prepared moment for Jesus to be born?
8. It is said that people "see what they are looking for." What are some ways you can help your soul look for God in the world?