

## **SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE: O COME LET US ADORE HIM**

### **Matthew 2:1–12**

When you think about Christmas, what tends to take center stage for most people—traditions, family, gifts, or Jesus? Why do you think that is?

Read **Matthew 2:1–12** together.

## **DISCUSS**

### **1. What We Believe About Jesus Matters**

Surveys show that many people believe Jesus was real—but far fewer believe He is God, sinless, and the only way to salvation. What we believe shapes how we respond to Him.

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1–2; John 20:31

#### **Questions:**

1. Why do you think so many people are comfortable with Jesus as a “good teacher” but not as God?
2. How does believing Jesus is *King* change the way we live?
3. In what ways can Jesus become unnecessary—even during Christmas?

### **2. The Wise Men: Seeking and Worshiping the King**

The magi traveled a great distance at great cost because they believed a King had been born—and He was worthy of worship.

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1–2, 9–11; Numbers 24:17

#### **Questions:**

1. What stands out to you about the wise men's journey and determination?
2. What risks or sacrifices did they make to worship Jesus?
3. What does their response teach us about true worship?

### **3. Herod: A Threatened Heart**

Herod was deeply troubled by the news of a new king. Jesus threatened his power, position, and control.

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:3–8

#### **Questions:**

1. Why did the news of Jesus disturb Herod so deeply?
2. How can Jesus feel threatening to people today?
3. In what ways do we sometimes resist Jesus' authority in our own lives?

#### 4. The Religious Leaders: Knowledge Without Movement

The chief priests and scribes knew exactly where the Messiah would be born—but they never went to see Him.

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:4–6; Micah 5:2; James 1:22

##### Questions:

1. What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and worshiping Jesus?
2. Why do you think the religious leaders did not act on what they knew?
3. How can we guard against having information without transformation?

#### 5. Three Responses to Jesus

In this story we see three very different responses:

- **Herod** tried to eliminate Jesus.
- **The religious leaders** ignored Him.
- **The wise men** worshiped Him.

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:10–11

##### Questions:

1. Which response do you most often see in our culture today?
2. Which response are you most tempted toward personally?
3. What does it mean to truly *adore* Jesus rather than merely admire Him?

#### 6. Adoration Is the Right Response

The wise men fell down, worshiped, and offered their treasures. Their gifts reflected honor, sacrifice, and surrender.

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:11; Romans 12:1

##### Questions:

1. Why is worship the only appropriate response to the King from heaven?
2. What “treasures” might God be asking you to lay before Jesus?
3. How can adoration shape your daily walk with Christ?