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Matthew 2:3–11

Adore: The Six Keys to True Worship
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We often misinterpret worship. We think it is something that involves music or is only for those who are fanatical about their faith. True worship is a whole-life response to the revelation of God. In this message, we look at the story of the Magi and uncover six keys to a life that truly worships Christ.

REFERENCES

- ☐ Proverbs 2:1-6
- ☐ Deuteronomy 32:13
- ☐ Psalm 84
- ☐ Psalm 63
- ☐ John 19:39
- ☐ Isaiah 60:6

THIS WEEK:

- ☐ Read and meditate on Psalm 84 or Psalm 63.
- ☐ Ask God to expose and remove what I adore more than Him.
- ☐ Find a way to do at least three acts of service toward others as an act of worship.
- ☐ Invite someone to a Christmas Eve service at Grace Chapel.

DISCUSSION

- ☐ Read Matthew 2:3–11. What was Herod so disturbed by? How might that relate to why people are disturbed over Jesus today?
- ☐ In verse 4, Herod is now consulting the teachers of God's Word. However, it's not seemingly to understand what it says for him. That is, he doesn't want to follow God's ways. What can we learn from this? How can we prevent ourselves from coming to God's Word for our purposes instead of God's purposes?
- ☐ In verses 5–6 they seem to answer Herod very quickly – without having to look up the answer to his question. They knew what was promised and the specifics around the Messiah. How might this relate to the word "advent" and what "advent" means? More personally, how are we to practice "advent" today?
- ☐ Verse 7 talks about the Magi. What do you make of these men including their purposes, motives, and response to Jesus? What do you like or not like about them being Gentiles, and still seeking to find the one the star pointed to?
- ☐ Verse 8 includes a blatant lie from Herod. What are some of the reasons today that someone might pretend to be a worshipper of Jesus?
- ☐ Verse 9 focuses in on the star itself. Why a star? Why might God choose this and not something else? How does a star revel some of what Jesus is like?
- ☐ In verse 10 we see an emotional response from the wise men. Why joy? What do you make of this? How should this challenge or encourage us in our following of Jesus?
- ☐ In verse 11 they worship. As part of that worship, they present gifts. What are these gifts and in what ways are they fit for a King? How can we apply this to our own lives?