

## December 10, 2017- The Wise Men

### Open in Prayer

### Welcome/Introductions

[If there are new people in your group, give brief introductions.]

### Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines

### DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week?
- Has God placed someone in your life outside this group that you need to invest in?
- How do you think God wants you to do this?

### Ask a “hook question” to get the group going.

- Share about a time when you acted out of your emotions instead of rationally. What were the results?

### Share background for the story.

Last week we talked about the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus. This week we will look at some other visitors.

### Tell the story – Matthew 2:1-23. This week’s story continues talking about the baby Jesus and his family.

[Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap to the passage.]

### Rebuild the story

[Group members tell the story together, one piece at a time, based on what they remember.]

### Read the story out loud – Read Matthew 2 from the Bible.

[The scripture may have more details. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling that you discover in the scripture?]

### Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit in this story?
2. What do you learn about the characters in the story?
3. What stood out to you in this story?
4. Is there a contrast between the Wise Men and the Shepherds?
5. What do you know about Jesus, and what are you doing with what you know, in this Christmas season and the New Year that is approaching?

### Ask someone to retell the story.

### Assign the passage for the next meeting. Genesis 4:1-16 Cain and Abel.

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## December 10, 2017- The Wise Men – Leader Coaching

[This page is to help you sharpen your skills as a DiscipleGroup Leader. Each week we will include concepts, challenges, and resources designed to assist you as you lead and shepherd your group and grow as a disciple yourself. Also, we have added comments (enclosed in brackets [ ] ) on the Leader Guide.]

### Abiding

[grow as a disciple yourself]

- How has this year been in your personal growth? Have any of the stories become your “favorite?” Take some time to reflect on the stories of the past year and pray about what the Father has taught you. How have you changed? How do you know the Master better?

### Leading

[learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- We have only designated two stories for December. We suggest you have another meeting with you group for fellowshiping and celebrating the holiday.

### Shepherding

[know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- How are your investments? Have you invested in your disciple group? Have you seen growth over the past few months? Try to get some personal time with each of you group members or group families during this month and ask about their personal walk with the Lord.