



## Discussion Questions

*Surprise!: Message 1 – The Wisemen*

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Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

### **Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)**

1. What has surprised you about following Jesus? In other words, how is your life as a follower of Christ different than what you originally expected?
2. What is a challenge you are facing?
3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?
4. If you want to watch the intro video again, go to <https://skitguys.com/videos/witness-his-majesty-wise-man>

### **Read and discuss Matthew 2:1-12**

1. Have someone retell this passage in their own words.
2. Why do you think King Herod was "deeply disturbed" (vs.3) when the magi told him they were looking for the "king of the Jews"?
3. What do you think the magi were expecting it to be like when they met Jesus?
  - How was reality different than their expectations?
  - How were their expectations met or exceeded by meeting Jesus?
4. Notice the magi's response to Jesus. How is this different than the response of Jesus' own people throughout his life?
5. How did the magi demonstrate a posture of humility in their meeting Jesus?
6. What does this passage reveal about God?
7. What does this passage reveal about people?

### **Application**

1. When your expectations are unmet, how is your response similar and different from the magi?
2. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Everyone creates an 'I Will' statement)
3. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this passage?

### **Pray Together**