

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

UNEXPECTED: Gold, Frankincense, and What?

Matthew 2:1-12

Week of December 17, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH: The unexpected gifts reveal Christ as the Messiah and coming King, who is the Savior of the world.

GETTING STARTED

1. What is the most unusual or unexpected gift you have ever received? Take some time to go around share.
2. Did the gift you received have any special meaning behind it?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. **READ Matthew 2:1-12.** The wise men (Magi) wanted to bring gifts to the baby born to be King of the Jews. How did Herod take the news when the wise men stated their intentions? And why did Herod feel that way?
4. The religious leaders were the ones who were supposed to be expectant of the coming Messiah. They are the ones who should have been looking for the signs of the Messiah. Why do you think the religious leaders were so unaware and so unmotivated to look for the coming Messiah (as supposed to the wise men)?
5. Can we fall into the same lull as the religious leaders of that day? How so? What would that look like in today's time?
6. What do the unexpected gifts the wise men brought reveal about the identity of who Jesus is?

TAKING IT HOME

7. What gifts are you bringing to Jesus this Christmas, or whenever we come into God's house? What does that say about our heart and where we are at in our relationship with Jesus?

PRAYER

Let's continue to pray that our church would find Christ in unexpected ways this Christmas season and beyond.