

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 22, 2019



A Gift for Jesus

Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12

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Get to Know You

What is the most memorable gift you have given to someone else?

Study the Book

Read Matthew 2:1-12

What are some of the traditions associated with the Magi?

What do we know is true according to Scripture?

What did the chief priests and scribes tell Herod about where Christ was to be born? What prophet made this prophecy?

How did Herod respond to the news?

Our gift to Jesus should represent the best of who we are.

What are some of the meanings that have been associated with the gifts of the Magi?

What was the point Matthew was trying to make by including these gifts in his gospel?

Our gift to Jesus should represent our understanding of who Jesus is.

How would you describe Jesus in one word?

Reflection Question: Are my gift(s) to Jesus reflective of these descriptions? (Do not answer out loud but have everyone reflect on their personal answer to the question.)

What prompts us to give and how God uses what is given are often different.

How might the Magi's gifts have been used?

What was the Magi's purpose in giving their gifts?

*Lord, thou shalt have my worship, and my gifts;
for thou art the sole Monarch of my soul: and I
will aid thy missionary cause, that when thou
goest into Africa with thy Gospel, my gifts may
go with thee.*

Charles Spurgeon

Group Application Discussion

Share some international mission experience whether praying, giving, or going. Share national or local experience.

What are some ways that you have seen Hillcrest participate in International Missions?

Personal Reflection and Application

What gifts do you need to give to God this Christmas or in 2020? Make plans to make it happen.