

emmanuel
WHEN GOD SHOWS UP Christmas 2011

No One Is Beyond His Reach

Matthew 2:1-12

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Lessons from the Magi:

1 Jesus is for all people (2:1).

2 Follow the leading of God (2:1-2, 4, 9, 12).

3 Worship Jesus (2:2, 11).

4 Give gifts to Jesus (2:11).

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{ notes for small group, family & personal study
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Helping you keep Christmas centered on Jesus...

- 1 Has God ever prompted you to obey Him in an unconventional way like He did with the magi (wise men) in Matthew 2:1-12? How dangerous and unconventional was this journey for them? Why do we often resist this type of leading?
- 2 The Christmas story would be just fine without the scene with the magi. Why does God bring them to His Son? What 'people group' has the Holy Spirit placed upon your heart so that you desire to see them come to know and follow Jesus?
- 3 Most of the individuals in the Christmas story are shown to worship Jesus (Matthew 1-2 & Luke 1-2). How did they do so? What did it cost them? How do you, apart from Sunday mornings at Oakwood, worship Jesus?
- 4 What special gift will you decide to give to Jesus this year?

my next step this week is to:

- Memorize Matthew 2:11.
- Directly express love and concern for someone of a different ethnic background.
- Give a gift to Jesus this year.
- Other _____