

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

Sermon Recap:

Ever feel like God's trying to redirect your path? In this powerful message, Pastor Ken explores how the Magi's divine dream changed their journey home—and how encountering Jesus changes everything. Through fascinating historical details about Herod's paranoia and Daniel's influence on the wise men, we discover that true wisdom means not just knowing Scripture, but following where God leads. Whether you're feeling stuck like the religious leaders or sensing a holy nudge toward a new direction, this message illuminates how saying "yes" to God's dreams can transform your life's trajectory. Don't miss this timely word about letting Jesus recalculate your path!

READ: MATTHEW 2:1-12.

The sermon discusses how the Magi were willing to travel a great distance to seek Jesus, while the religious leaders wouldn't travel just 6 miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. What does this contrast teach us about the difference between knowledge and true spiritual seeking?

DISCUSS: How does King Herod's response to Jesus's birth (being 'disturbed' and feeling threatened) mirror ways people might resist Jesus's influence in their lives today?

DISCUSS: The sermon explains how Daniel's influence on the Magi in Babylon connected to their later search for Jesus. How does this historical connection demonstrate God's long-term plan for bringing people to Jesus?

DISCUSS: The Magi's first response upon finding Jesus was to worship Him, before presenting their gifts. What does this ordering of their actions teach us about proper priorities in our relationship with Jesus?

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17. How have you seen an Encounter with Jesus cause change in your life?

DISCUSS: Looking at Matthew 2:12, how does the Magi's experience of being 'warned in a dream' and taking a 'different way' home reflect the transformation that happens when we truly encounter Jesus?