



Alleluia! Adult Ministries

Sermon-Based Study for Connect Groups

January 6, 2019

Sermon Series: Family First
Title: The Gift of Family
Scripture: Matthew 2:9-15

Connecting

Take a moment to introduce yourselves to one another.
Share a “High” and/or “Low” from the past week with the group.

Opening Prayer

Read Today’s Scripture: Matthew 2:9-15

Discussion

1. This new series is “Family First.” Did this phrase apply to the family you grew up in? Why, or why not? How about your family now?
2. Desmond Tutu once said, “You don’t choose your family, they are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” What do you think or feel about this quote? Do you ever think of your family in terms of being God’s gift to you? In what ways do you think your family is God’s gift to you?
3. In today’s Scripture Reading, we read about the Magi (Wise Men) visiting the child, Jesus, and bringing him gifts. What was the best gift you received this year? What do you think was the significance of the gifts that the Magi presented to Jesus?
4. Joseph was warned in a dream to flee Bethlehem for Egypt, to escape danger from King Herod. He immediately took his family to Egypt. Have you ever felt God speaking to you about something regarding your family, and how did you react?
5. Pastor Tim encouraged families to a) listen for God’s voice; b) remember God’s promises; and c) live together in God’s grace. Discuss any/all of these three encouragements and how you could practically implement these into the life of your own family.
6. Joshua said in Joshua 24:15, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” What would 2019 be like for your family if your family lived this out in the new year?

Closing Prayer