

Talk about the following...

One of the most amazing things about the **MAGI journey was their **FAITH**...**

- They waiting and hoped for a sign to appear so they could find the MESSIAH.
- When they eventually made it all the way to where He was, they in reality found their MESSIAH!
- They brought Him gifts. NOT something they picked up along the way. Where did they get them?
- They came prepared to present Him gifts because they had them with them from the beginning.

Read: **MATTHEW 2:9-12**

9... And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Questions for DISCUSSION:

- Did the MAGI know exactly where they were going?
- What were they following? (**STAR**) What serves as a star for you in times of uncertainty?
- What advantages come from not knowing everything about your journey from the beginning?

Read: **JEREMIAH 29:11-14**

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Talk about this: (Just because God seems silent - doesn't mean God's not in motion)

- What are the promises that God gives us in the verses from JEREMIAH?
- Is there any guarantee as to **when** God responds to us? But there is in that HE WILL!
- WHY? Because He promises to be "**hear**" us when we call and be found when we "**seek**" Him.

What is the a difference in **waiting on God** and **waiting in God**?

Have you ever EXPERIENCED God during times of waiting?

What does "**God is in the WAIT**" mean to you?

(Share your stories)