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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

The Light of the World Week 2

Ice-Breaker – Which character of Christmas do you identify with most closely? Please explain your answer. Has your answer changed since Sunday?

READ Matthew 2:1-12

In your journey toward God, how are you like the Magi? How are you unlike them? Have you had to leave anything to follow Jesus?

Do you agree that there is a little Herod in all of us? What does this look like in your life? When have you, like Herod, felt threatened by the kingship of Jesus? How do you react?

In what ways are you tempted to focus on building your own kingdom instead of participating in God's kingdom?

What are some things that cause people to drift away from God and the church?

Talk about a time when you felt distant from God. What were some of the factors that caused you to feel disconnected?

What are some obstacles that keep people from fully surrendering to Jesus? What does it take to overcome these obstacles?

What is one thing you can do this week to engage or reengage with Jesus? What can this group do to support you?

What will your story be in relation to the light of the world? Do you want to build your kingdom or participate in God's kingdom?

Do you want to cling to what you can't keep or surrender what wasn't yours to begin with? Do you want your way or His way?

There is good news: the darkness has not put out the Light of life in you. Take a step to reengage or engage for the first time with the light of the world this Christmas.

Christmas is a reminder that Jesus is the Life and Light that overcomes darkness.