

DISCUSSION GUIDE
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Christmas

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God's Message to the Magi

MATTHEW 2:1-12 | CHRISTMAS EVE

Opening Question

1. What is your favorite Christmas memory or tradition?

In the Word

1. In the life-giving words of [Isaiah 9:6-7](#), God tells us that the Child to be born will reign over an eternal kingdom. As He describes it here, what is that kingdom like?
2. Think about Mary and Joseph ([Matthew](#) and [Luke](#) tell us the story of Jesus' birth)...did their world look like the kingdom described in Isaiah?
3. In an unstable world, [James 5:7-8](#) encourages us to remain patient and anticipate God's kingdom. How does the Holy Spirit encourage us in this hope?

Making It Personal

1. The world often seems to be violent, unfair, and harsh. What do you long for most: peace, justice/fairness, or just being in God's presence?
2. Is it hard for you to be grateful this Christmas? What are you grateful for?