



The Journey to Jesus

Ice Breaker: Do you like road trips? Tell your group why or why not! What do you do to pass the time? Share one! *Bonus: What has been your favorite road trip destination?*

Scene 1 - The characters: The Magi.

Read: Matthew 2:1-2 & Isaiah 60:1-6

Recall how Pastor Jason said that the Magi may have known a star would help them find the King of the Jews.

Read: Numbers 24:16-17

Did you already know that Daniel could have been a clue-giver in this story?

Discuss:

- What do you think when you see biblical prophecies like the one in Numbers 24:16-17 fulfilled?
- What does seeing prophecy fulfilled do to your perception of God and the Bible?

Scene 2 - The villain: King Herod.

Read: Matthew 2:3-4 & Matthew 2:7-8

Discuss:

- What do you think of King Herod?
- What have you done in your own life to protect your special positions?
- How have you approached protecting and preserving the position(s), influence and status(es) you've had?

The Final Scene - The encounter: The Magi finally make it to Jesus.

Read: Matthew 2:11

Ponder then Discuss, then Ponder as you celebrate Christmas:

Take a moment to imagine this scene. How do you think the Magi explained their desire to see Jesus? Since they didn't know His name, imagine how awkward it might have been to try to explain where they came from and what they were looking for!

- What do you think you would have been thinking if you had been Mary and Joseph? Share with your group.

- How long after Jesus' birth do you think the Magi showed up? Share your reasons why.