

## LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—12-13-20)



Over the next few weeks of the Christmas season, we are going to re-think Christmas as we review the birth accounts of Christ found in Matthew and Luke's gospel. Merry Christmas everyone!

### Read Matthew 2:1-12

**OBSERVATION #1: The Magi had a \_\_\_\_\_ reason for their \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem:**

Where did these wisemen come from? What does verse 1-2 tell you about their journey? Why was King Herod disturbed by the wisemen? Why was Jerusalem disturbed by the wisemen?

How did Herod respond to this disturbance...what did he do first? Did Herod really want to worship Jesus? What can you and I infer regarding the religious leaders?

**OBSERVATION #2: The magi \_\_\_\_\_ the newborn King with their \_\_\_\_\_:**

What did the wisemen do when they found Jesus? What can we say about their gifts? What can we learn from this?

**OBSERVATION #3: The magi \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to the \_\_\_\_\_ will:**

What did the wisemen do after they worshipped Jesus? Why? What did the wisemen walk away with?

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**In the lesson above we contrasted two sets of characters from the Christmas story—who were they?**

**What is complacency?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How do we overcome complacency?**

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2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_