

## THE WISDOM

*Matthew 2:1-12*

### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD IS INCOMPLETE
2. THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD IS SUPERFICIAL
3. THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD IS UNSATISFYING

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. At the start of any new year, we tend to consider the changes we need to make in order to find what we are looking for. What changes are you hoping to make this year? What are you looking for through those changes?
3. Matthew 2:1-12 shows us that Jesus is the ultimate wisdom of God and that all human wisdom will bow to God's wisdom. Compare and contrast the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. Where are the clear differences? Is there any overlap?
4. Using the wisdom of the world, the wise men could figure out there was a king they should worship but they couldn't figure out where or who he was without consulting scripture. Where have you seen this play out in the world around you today? What are some examples of how people have used the wisdom of the world to reach the conclusion there is a God or at least that we need some help? How could we, as Christians, use these conclusions as a means to point people to the One True God?
5. Everything about Jesus' life flips our superficial human wisdom on its head. The wise men went looking for Jesus in the big city of Jerusalem but Jesus was in the little town of Bethlehem. We can often run ourselves ragged trying to get all the things the world tells us we need instead of allowing God to lead us into our own version of "Bethlehem". What is God currently calling you to do that is humbling and doesn't seem to make much sense based on the wisdom of the world?
6. In 1 Corinthians 1:20-24 we read that by looking at the "foolishness" of the cross we can see the wisdom of God on full display. What does the cross communicate about God's wisdom? What are some things we learn from Jesus' crucifixion about who God really is, about how deep His wisdom is and about how satisfying a life with Him is?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Until Jesus is enough for you, nothing else will be.