

THE COST

Matthew 2:1-12

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE PRESENCE OF JESUS BRINGS HOSTILITY
2. THE PRESENCE OF JESUS BRINGS HUMILITY
3. THE PRESENCE OF JESUS BRINGS FINALITY

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. This passage of Matthew paints a very realistic picture of what Jesus' presence brings into our lives. If you are a Christian, what did you think you were getting into when you started following Jesus? What did you think the cost would be? How has that changed over your time following Him?
3. The presence of Jesus brings hostility. If you follow Jesus, you will experience both external and internal conflict. What type of conflict have you experienced because of Jesus?
4. The human heart is naturally hostile toward God. Because of this, it is naïve to think that any of us are perfectly surrendered to God's will. What are some ways we can hunt for and deal with the residual hostility in our hearts toward God?
5. Because of their relationship with Jesus, Joseph and Mary ended up somewhere they didn't want to go. They ended up in Nazareth. Where has Jesus led you that you never would have gone on your own? Where do you sense Jesus might be leading you next?
6. Do you have a desire to follow Jesus? Why or why not? To what degree do you experience joy in following Jesus?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: When we see Jesus for who He is it will create in us a desire to follow Him and the ability to do so with joy, regardless of the cost.