



He Wants To: Follow the Magi

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WARM UP

1. How was your New Years?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Read Matthew 2:1-10. Why do the pagan Magi seem more excited about Jesus than the Israelite leaders?
4. Why would God speak to the Magi through the stars and their practice of divination when he forbade his own people from the practice?
5. How could the Exile experience of Israel have planted seeds for the Magi to be expecting a savior/king to come from their homeland?
6. Talk about the significance of the gifts of the magi, which seem like terrible baby gifts!
7. Why does God use outsiders to lead "insiders" back to Jesus? Can you think of any other examples aside from the magi?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

8. Evaluate the statement God uses everything in His creation to lead people to Jesus. Does this include bad and evil things? Other religions? Today's media? And if so, does this mean that nothing is actually bad?
9. Do you plan to take part in the media fast? What are the benefits, pros and cons?



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Astrology:

Matthew 2:1-10

Magi (*magos*):

Deuteronomy 18:

Why did they come?

Daniel 2 (King Nebuchadnezzar):

God worked in Israel’s Exile:

God works through _____ & _____ circumstances.

God often uses outsiders to...

Gifts of the Magi:

God uses everything..

God uses outsiders...

3 Day media Fast (Surprisechurch.com/fast)

Let’s follow the _____ who followed the _____.