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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: CHRISTMAS: THE MAGI, Pt 3 of 4
Key Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12, NIV
Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/christmas-series-2023
Date + Speaker: December 10th, 2023; Pastor Mark Scarr

Introduction:

As educated and sophisticated philosophers, the Magi encountered God in their professional pursuits. Let's explore the significant lessons we can draw from their journey.

Discussion:

1. The Magi met God in the midst of their work. Can you share a time(s) when you felt God's presence in your everyday life or work?

2. The Magi found direction by consulting Scripture. How does this illustrate the importance of turning to the Bible in times of uncertainty? Can you think of a personal instance where Scripture guided you back on track?

3. Why do you think it was significant that the Magi worshipped Jesus before presenting their gifts? How can we apply the principle of prioritizing worship over material offerings in our lives?

4. Discuss the concept of seeing ourselves as stewards rather than owners of what we have. How does this perspective change the way we use our resources and talents?

5. Reflecting on the Magi's journey, what does this tell us about our own journeys in finding Jesus? How can this encourage someone who feels distant or disconnected from God?

6. The Magi didn't just see the star and stay put; they actually went out and followed it. How can we take action in our faith like they did, especially when it comes to sharing Jesus' love with others?

Reflection:

The lessons from the Magi inspire us to live an active faith, one that combines seeking God in our everyday life, turning to Scripture for guidance, worshiping Him wholeheartedly, and using our gifts for His glory.