

# Everyone is seeking something to give them meaning and hope in this life.

- » We all seek happiness.
- » We all seek love.
- » We all seek peace.

All the answers to deep searches of meaning can be found in Jesus.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Blood Drive on Jan 5 from Noon to 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study begins the week of Jan. 20 Kids Elementary Retreat from Jan. 23 to Jan. 24 Connect Class on Jan. 25 at 9:00 AM Hunger Bowl on Feb. 8

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## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

#### **GETTING STARTED:**

When you hear the word Christmas, what emotion comes to mind first?

Have you ever searched really hard for something and felt relieved when you finally found it?

#### A DEEPER DIVE:

- · Who are the different people or groups in this story?
  - The Magi
  - King Herod
  - The religious leaders
- What was each one seeking or protecting?
- · Who actually went to see Jesus? Who didn't?

### Everyone in the story knew something about Jesus, but only the Magi were willing to seek Him.

- Why do you think God revealed Jesus to the Magi, even though they were outsiders?
- · What kept Herod from responding to Jesus in a healthy way?
- Why do you think the religious leaders didn't go to Bethlehem, even though they knew the prophecy?
- What does this story teach us about fear and faith?

#### **NEXT STEPS:**

- · What are people in our culture most often searching for?
- Which of these do you personally relate to right now?
  - Happiness / Joy
  - Love
  - Peace
- · Where do we tend to look for these things instead of Jesus?
- · What is one step I can take this week to follow Jesus more closely?

