The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

Re: GROUP

Small Group Questions – The King's Road: Followed and Fulfilled (Matthew 2:1–23) Opening Reflection

- 1. Think about a time you set out on a journey—maybe a road trip, a move, or even a spiritual search. What were you expecting to find at the end? How did your expectations compare to reality?
- 2. This passage shows three very different responses to Jesus—seeking, obeying, and resisting. Which of these do you see most often in the world around us today?

The Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)

- 3. The wise men went searching for the King, even though they didn't know exactly where He was. What does this tell us about faith and persistence in seeking God?
- 4. Why do you think Herod and the religious leaders, who knew the prophecy, didn't go with the wise men to Bethlehem? What does that reveal about knowledge versus action?
- 5. The wise men's worship included costly gifts. What does true worship cost us today—time, resources, priorities, or something else?

Joseph (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)

- 6. Joseph obeyed God immediately when warned in a dream. What helps you trust and act quickly when you sense God leading you?
- 7. Matthew highlights that Joseph's obedience fulfilled prophecy. How does it encourage you to know that God is weaving His greater plan even through your ordinary obedience?
- 8. Where do you sense God may be nudging you right now toward obedience, even if it feels inconvenient or uncertain?

Herod (Matthew 2:16-18)

- 9. Herod followed his pride and fear, leading to destruction. How have you seen pride or insecurity cause harm in someone's life—or in your own?
- 10. Herod tried to silence Jesus before His ministry even began. How do people today still try to silence or push aside the influence of Jesus?

Application

- 11. The sermon closed with three kinds of people:
- Those who honestly look for the truth (like the wise men).
- Those who live by the truth (like Joseph).
- Those who live by their own truth (like Herod).
 Which category do you feel you are most living in right now, and why?
- 12. If someone asked you where to find Jesus today, what would you tell them? How can we be more ready to point people to Him with confidence?
- 13. How can our group encourage one another to be more like the wise men (seekers) and Joseph (obedient servants) instead of living for our own way like Herod?