



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Real Men of Christmas: Magi
December 18 & 21, 2025
Pastor Joby Martin

LEADER NOTES – Coach and Leader Gathering Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8am – 12pm, San Pablo campus: We're excited for you to join your discipleship ministers, fellow coaches and leaders to celebrate what God has done, and what He is going to do to us and through us this year. We will have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions and fellowship together. Doors will open at 8am. Childcare is provided. [Click here to register.](#)

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2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Be-YOU-tiful Boutique for Night To Shine: Hope's Closet stores are collecting formal gowns and accessories and inviting female serve staff to help create a memorable boutique weekend. This special appointment-only event at Hope's Closet Arlington offers free prom outfits and accessories for the queens on Night to Shine. [Click here to learn more and sign up.](#) Your entire disciple group can serve and/or donate dresses.

Christmas Eve at Eleven22: Experience the joy of Christmas through [these resources](#) designed to help you grow in faith, connect with others, and share the good news of Jesus this season. [Click here to see all the Christmas Eve service times.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: If you are sponsoring a Compassion child now or have in the past, share some wins from that experience.

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *"Ask the Holy Spirit to heighten your awareness this week as it relates to stewardship this holiday season. Schedule time on your calendar now for the month of December to steward your relationships and responsibilities well instead of waiting until the new year."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: Numbers 24:15-17; Matthew 2:1-12; 25:31-46

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer every question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you.

Action Step: Pray for your compassion children and write them a letter, including a prayer. If you don't have a compassion child, you can [click here for more information](#). Or text "SPONSOR" to 83393.)

- Read Matthew 2:1-12. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 2:3-6, King Herod knows about the Messiah, but never seeks Him. What's the difference between being informed about Jesus and being transformed by Jesus? (*Information without submission produces resistance, not worship. Herod has access to Scripture but no intention of surrender, showing that knowing facts about Jesus is not the same as bowing before Him as King.*)
Deepen: King Herod hated Jesus because he feared it would cost him his throne. Where in your life are you still trying to be lord of instead of surrendering it to Jesus? (*Don't miss Jesus this Christmas because of your religiosity, traditions, insecurity or selfishness.*)
- The chief priests could quote prophecy accurately (Micah 5:2) but never went to Bethlehem. What keeps religious people from seeking Jesus? (*Comfort, tradition and self-sufficiency can dull spiritual hunger. The chief priests believed they already possessed what they needed, knowledge, so they never pursued relationship.*)
- What do you need for salvation? (*Need! Wise men still seek him. Do you? Those of you searching, don't give up. God is for you. He sent his son - King Jesus - to die in your place. Come to him. God never stops pursuing you!*)
- **Discover:** The Magi traveled roughly 800 miles with limited information. What does their journey teach us about faith and obedience? (*Faith doesn't require full clarity, only enough light for the next step. The Magi acted in faith with the information they had, trusting God to reveal more along the way.*)
Deepen: How have you seen God use creation and His Word to speak into your life?
- Read Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus says serving "the least of these" is serving Him. How does this change your view of generosity as worship rather than a duty or obligation? (*Generosity becomes relational rather than transactional. We give not to earn favor, but because we value what Jesus values, and people in need matter deeply to Him.*)

Your Discipleship Journey

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