

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Matthew 2

Getting Started

What was the most difficult journey you've ever made? Why?

Digging In

1. **Read 2:1-12.** Why were the Magi looking for Jesus?
2. Why was Herod disturbed by their inquiry?
3. Why do you think "all Jerusalem" was also disturbed?
4. How did Herod find an answer to the question of the Magi?
5. Why do you think Herod "called the Magi secretly"? (v. 7)
6. How did the Magi respond when they found the Christ? (9-12)
7. **Read 13-18.** Why was Joseph instructed to go to Egypt?
8. How was the return of Jesus from Egypt like the calling of the nation of Israel from Egypt in the Old Testament? (14-15)
9. What did Herod do when he discovered he'd been outwitted?
10. **Read 19-23.** How did God direct Joseph back to Israel? (cf. 1:20 and 2:13)
11. Why didn't Joseph settle in Judea?
12. How is God's sovereignty (God's control) seen in this chapter?



What Now?

- With which person in ch. 2 do you identify most closely? Why?
- God is clearly seen to be orchestrating the events of Matthew 1-2. How have you seen God's sovereign hand at work in your life?
- The Magi expressed their devotion to Christ through worship and the giving of gifts. What are some ways we can express our devotion to Christ today?
- What specific step would you like to take?