

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Unencumbered Invitation December 14, 2025

#### Summary

At Christmas, God shows His generosity by giving us the most personal gift—Jesus. In this message, Kyle teaches that God invited both shepherds and Magi to meet Jesus, speaking to each in a way they could understand: a humble baby in a manger for the shepherds and a star in the sky for the Magi. In the same way, God knows us and invites us personally to come to Him. Some, like the shepherds and Magi, respond with worship; others, like Herod, reject the gift because they cling to their own plans. The proper response to God’s generous, personalized invitation is to offer Him our worship, time and attention this Christmas.

#### Scripture

Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Herds of camels will cover your land,  
young camels of Midian and Ephah.  
And all from Sheba will come,  
bearing gold and incense  
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord. Isaiah 60:3,6 (NIV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."  
Luke 2:8-15 (NIV)

### Let's Start

What is one of the most meaningful gifts you've ever received, and what made it feel personal?

### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

### Let's Talk

1. Why do you think God chose to announce Jesus' birth to such different groups—the poor shepherds and the wealthy Magi?
2. How does understanding the shepherds' living situation change the way you see the "sign" of the baby in the manger?
3. What stands out to you about the Magi's journey and how God spoke to them through a star?
4. How have you experienced God speaking to you in a way that is personal and meaningful to you?
5. What are some of the daily invitations God might be giving you to pay attention to Him?
6. The shepherds hurried to see Jesus, and the Magi bowed and worshiped. What would it look like for you **to worship God fully**?
7. Where do you see a little "Herod" in yourself—places where your own plans or control get in the way of receiving what God wants to give you?

### Let's Act

What is one specific, personal way you can worship God fully this week?  
Who can you invite to the Wooddale Christmas services?

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