



BEYOND SUNDAY

Season of Songs — 12.15.24

We Three Kings — Mark Turney

READ MATTHEW 2:1-12

- 1. Reflecting on the Magi's Journey:** What stands out to you about the Magi's willingness to leave their homes and follow the star? How does their journey inspire your own pursuit of Jesus?
- 2. Hospitality Lessons from Mary:** Imagine being in Mary's position when the Magi arrived. How do you think you would have reacted? What can this teach us about welcoming those who are different from us?
- 3. Encountering Outsiders:** Have you ever felt like an outsider in a church or other community? What helped (or could have helped) you feel included?
- 4. The Role of Creation and Scripture:** The star led the Magi to seek Jesus, but Scripture directed them to Him. How would you describe the difference between how God uses Scripture versus creation.
- 5. Radical Hospitality vs. Compromise:** Mark encouraged us to extend radical hospitality without compromising Scripture. How can we balance these two tension points in our own lives and in our church?

- 6. Barriers to Welcoming Others:** What attitudes or fears might prevent us from welcoming people who don't look, think, or act like us? How can we address these barriers?
- 7. Remembering Our Own Journey:** Reflect on the statement, "At one point, every one of us were the Magi." How does remembering our own journey to Jesus help us extend grace to others?
- 8. A Changed Path:** The Magi went home by another route after meeting Jesus. How has encountering Jesus changed the direction of your life?
- 9. Personal Invitations:** The Magi were drawn by a star, a unique sign for them. What unique ways might God be using you to draw others to Him?
- 10. Belonging Before Believing:** The sermon emphasized that people should feel they belong before they believe. How can we make this a reality in our small group and our church?