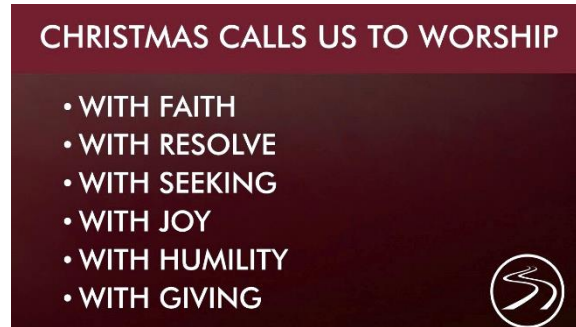


## Christmas Calls Us To Worship December 13, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



### Questions:

1. What was a favorite Christmas gift you received when you were a child?
2. What gift have you given to someone else that was especially appreciated?
3. The sermon examined the ways the Magi (or “wise men”) worshiped Jesus in Matthew 2. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
4. Read Luke 17:11-19
  - a) Why did these men stand at a distance when they called out to Jesus? (see Numbers 5:2-3)
  - b) What would being healed mean for their lives?
  - c) Why did Jesus tell them to show themselves to the priests? (see Leviticus 14:1-8)
  - d) Why do you think Jesus didn’t heal them immediately? Why weren’t they healed until they were on the way to the priests? (see 2 Kings 5:9-10, John 9:7, and Luke 17:19)
  - e) How did one of the former lepers express his thankfulness to Jesus?
  - f) What did he have in common with the Magi who worshiped Jesus in the Christmas story? (see v. 18)
  - g) How did Jesus respond to this man?
  - h) Why do you think the other nine men neglected to return and thank Jesus? In what ways can the same thing happen to us?
5. Read Romans 1:20-21
  - a) According to this passage, what does everyone inherently know about God?
  - b) How do they know it?
  - c) But what do some people fail to do?
  - d) What can a lack of thankfulness toward God do to a person’s heart?
6. How have the quantity and quality of your own worship been lately?
7. What have you found is helpful in inspiring a heart of worship in your own life? Discuss ideas with your group so you can learn from each other.
8. Take some time to worship God in prayer together. Thank him for specific things he has done for you. Worship him for who he is. And then pray for any specific needs in your group.