

Unexpected Worship

Scripture: **Matthew 2:1–12**

Series: **Advent 2015: The Unexpected Savior**

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Overview

In Matthew 2:1-12, we see this: Jesus calls and welcomes unexpected worshippers. In considering this passage we are recognize that God calls us to **seek** Him and calls us to **worship** Him. Such a fact is possible only through the gospel.

Corraborating Texts

Micah 5:2; Matthew 7:7; Colossians 3:1-4; John 4:23; Romans 12:1-2

Discussion Questions

- STORY:** Recount Matthew 2:1-12. Read and retell/summarize it in your own words, noticing different details in the account (and insights from Joe's sermon).
 - What does this story tell us? [Jesus welcomes unexpected worshippers]
 - This account calls us to consider what 2 questions? [Are we seeking God? Are we worshipping God?]
- SEEKING:** How do we have fellowship with God? (through Jesus)
 - How do we seek God? [Through *belief*: read God's Word and Pray for God's help. See Matthew 7:7 and Colossians 3:1-4]
 - Is seeking just for non-Christians or for Christians too? [for Christians too] What things prevent you from seeking God today? [possibly putting good things in front of God]
- WORSHIP:** What is worship? [ascribing and recognizing God] Is *everyone* a worshipper? [yes] How do we know what we worship? [we can ask what defines us, what makes our life worth living] What about you? What hinders you from worshipping God?
 - How might considering the topic of worship (and that we all worship) be a common ground in talking to non Christians and possibly having spiritual conversations?
 - John 4:23-24: What does John 4:23-24 teach us about God and worship? How does this concept of worshipping in spirit and in truth challenge our culture's idea of worship? [exclusivity, objective truth—see also Romans 12:1-2]
- Who are some non-Christians in your life that you might be able to invite to our Christmas Eve Service or strategically use the season of Christmas to talk to them about the gospel?