

## COLONIAL HILLS 2023

ADVENT CONSPIRACY WEEK 4 -DEC 17, 2023  
OILIVE BRANCH CAMPUS

## TALK IT OVER

### KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

**START TALKING.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is the farthest that you have ever traveled for a Christmas gathering? [Trip with or to see family, etc.]

**START THINKING.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Why would wise men from the east care about a king born in Israel? Why do you think Matthew put this in his gospel account?

**START SHARING.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Matthew 2:1-2. In what way was the wise men's journey a RESPONSE? What did God use to get the attention of the wise men, and what has he used in YOUR life to get your attention?
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- Read Matthew 2:1-9. In what way did the worship of the wise men involve ACTION? Why is it important to see that worship must not DEPEND on a FEELING? Compare the actions of the wise men to the religious leaders who lived in Jerusalem: Why do you think the religious leaders failed to go and see the Messiah with the wise men?
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- Read Matthew 2:10-12. Describe what you think the GREAT JOY of the wise men looked like when they saw that the star stopped over the house where the child was. [Laughing, dancing, etc.] Why is JOY such an important part of worship? Why is it important to see that the wise men ALREADY had GIFTS ready for the King when they arrived?

**START PRAYING.** Be bold and pray with power.

- Ask God to help you become more intentional and passionate in your expressions of worship this year!

**START DOING.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Determine to freely and joyfully engage in worship each Sunday through singing, clapping, giving, praying, etc.