



Today we look at the profound truth that Jesus is the eternal King who never ceases to reign by connecting verses in the book of Matthew to the carol “We Three Kings.” The story of the wisemen and Herod’s response to Jesus’ birth are two completely different responses to Christ’s kingship. True fulfillment comes only through submitting to Christ’s eternal kingship, not through pursuing temporary satisfaction to other “kings” of our lives (career, relationships, success).

ACCOMPANYING SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 2:1-21	Daniel 2:5	Daniel 2:27-28
Numbers 24:17	Daniel 2:10-11	1 Kings 10:7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time when you traveled a long distance for something important to you.

WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

- Read Matthew 2:1-12. What are the different responses to Jesus’ birth in this passage?
- How does Matthew emphasize the contrast between Herod and the wise men?

UNDERSTANDING DEEPER

- How do the gifts of the wise men point to different aspects of who Jesus is?
- What does this passage reveal about God’s plan to reach all nations?

APPLICATION

- What “kings” in your life compete with Jesus for worship?
- How do you respond when following Jesus threatens your comfort or control?

NEXT STEPS

- How can you adjust your Christmas celebrations to focus more on Christ’s kingship?

LIVING MISSIONALLY THIS CHRISTMAS

PRAYER FOCUS: Pray for hearts to recognize and submit to Christ’s kingship.

Pray for opportunities to share the true meaning of Christmas.

Pray for courage to let go of competing “kings” in our lives.

Pray for those who, like Herod, resist Christ’s authority.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Encourage group members to reflect on what they’ve given their lives to this past year and what changes they need to make in 2025 to better reflect Christ’s kingship in their lives.