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LED BY GLORY

Matthew 2:1-12



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I. The Journey of Glory – 2:1-2

A. Looking for it

B. Leaving for it

C. Longing for it

II. The Jealousy of Glory – 2:3-8

A. Fear

B. Facts

C. Fiction

III. The Joy of Glory – 2:9-12

A. The Connection

B. The Christ

C. The Choice

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

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1. Share a time when you saw a Christmas light display that blew your mind. How did you react and what did you love about it?
2. The Star is most likely not a star at all. What are some of the arguments that it was the glory of God revealed to the Shepherds?
3. How does the fact that the Star did not lead the Magi change the story? What does it tell us about the worth of glory?
4. Herod's response to the Magi and their request was fear. What about Herod made him fearful? Why is this always the response of those who seek glory for themselves?
5. The Chief Priests and Scribes have all the answers and yet have done nothing to go see the Messiah. What is the danger of being close to glory, but never to seek it out?
6. What do you think it would have been like for the Magi to suddenly be in the presence of glory outside the gates of Jerusalem? Have you ever been overwhelmed by the presence and leading of God? What was that like?
7. The Magi are redirected by God in a dream and return home a different way. Why is this such a powerful picture of what happens to us once we encounter the glory of Christ in our own lives?

8. Are you looking for glory this Christmas? Pray for God's redirection of your heart to seek the glory of His Son.