

## Hope for the Seeking

Series: *Christmas for the Broken*

– Matthew 2:1-2 –

### 1. The Magi

### 2. The Star

### 3. The Visit

### 4. The Gifts

*Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.*  
– 1 Timothy 3:16

#### Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How do the Magi stand in contrast to the shepherds in Luke? What is the significance of the “good news” coming to both?
3. Why is Herod disturbed by the birth of Jesus? Is there a Herod in all of us? Can one be a church going Christian and at the same time not allow Jesus to rule over their life?
4. The religious leaders seemed indifferent to the Magi’s news. Describe the differences between knowledge, intellectual assent, and saving faith in Jesus.
5. In your faith journey, would you say that you are searching or following? If the answer is both, when might you search and when might you follow?
6. The Magi were willing to humbly journey a long distance to gain wisdom and even greater understanding. How has our culture of instant information impacted your journey with God and what it means to follow Jesus?

