



LESSON 2 // THE EYES OF WORSHIP

Big Idea: Christmas is all about Jesus coming to us and our response of worship to Him. Becoming a true worshiper of Jesus begins with spiritual sight—the right focus. The wise men (or “magi”) in Matthew 2:1-12 had the right focus that led them to find and worship the Christ Child. We can have this focus as well if we fix our eyes on Jesus and see that He is our deepest need.

Matthew 1:1-2, 9-11 (NIV) *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ...⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

Discussion Questions:

This weekend we learned that what we focus on determines how we worship. What are some things in life that take our focus off of worshiping God?

To worship well, we need the right “eyes”. The Wise Men in Matthew 2:1-12 had the right focus. How do we improve our spiritual vision?

What are some practical ways we can give God our attention each day?

In order to worship well we must see our deepest need. Why is it so easy to live as if we are not in need?

What can we do to consistently keep ourselves aware of our need?

Prayer Focus:

To increase our spiritual vision, we need to grow in our understanding of Jesus. Review a few verses from the message that highlight who Jesus is: **Mark 1:27, Galatians 1:4, Acts 1:1-3, Acts 1:11**. Pray with your group and ask God to continue to show each of you your need of Him.