Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups Week of August 18th, 2019 "Wired in Worship" Matthew 2:1-12

OVERVIEW

What is worship? How do we engage in worship? Unfortunately, if kept unchecked, our worship can often become monotonous and uninvolving. The wise men who visited and celebrated Jesus' birth demonstrate an example of worship that is expectant, overflowing, and renewing!

ICEBREAKER

What kind of worship music do you like? Traditional hymns or contemporary worship songs? Organs or electric guitars?

BIBLE: Read Matthew 2:1-12

- 1. Why was it important that Jesus be born in Bethlehem?
- 2. Why was Herod so adamant to seek out the birth of the Christ?
- 3. How did the wise men engage in "worship" of Jesus? What tangible ways did they demonstrate worship?
- 4. What specific key words are used to describe the wise men's acts of worship?
- 5. What do the star, the wise men, the gifts, the homage, the hostility, and the prophecy teach about the significance of Jesus?
- 6. How is "worship" defined or portrayed in Scripture?
- 7. What kind of worship does God desire? (see Ro 12:1-2)

APPLICATION

- 1. On a level of 1-10 with 1 being the minimal and 10 being extravagant or very expressive, how would you rate your expressions in worship? Why?
- 2. We are to worship the Lord with all of our head, hands and heart. Which area do you struggle with the most? Which area do you flow easily?
- 3. Share your expectancy to worship on Sundays and throughout the week. Are we excited to worship? Is our worshipping through songs just a "preliminary" to the whole service?
- 4. Share the specific and intentional steps you will commit yourself to bringing your worship to the Lord to a higher level?
- 5. Worship together! Use an instrument or sing a cappella!

PRAY

- Pray for a lifestyle of worship that encompasses our whole lives and our heart, mind, soul and strength.
- Worship by lifting up the name of Jesus in your prayers and by speaking words of praise and thanksgiving.

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