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1 PART

THIS WEEKS READING

READ MATTHEW 2:1-12

INTRODUCTION

The wisemen coming to visit Jesus were given the gift of discernment. They knew that God had told them to go to Jesus and had given them a direct map on how to get there. The gifts that they carried were truly kingly gifts and they knew that the Savior would be the One that they were going to see. The opportunity that King Herod had to find Jesus and kill Him was slipping away and so it was their reliance on God's guidance that helped them know to stay away from him.

From this passage we can see the importance of a total reliance on God's guidance for our lives. Without Him guiding the wisemen, life could have ended. We need to remember that listening to God could be a life and death decision. To hear God and to take His guidance we have to be willing to follow Him. Following Him can mean many things but there are three distinct ways to follow Christ.

We read His Word. The Word of God directs our path.
We worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Worshipping God reminds us of who God is and why He is worthy of our worship.
We spend time in prayer. Praying is our opportunity to have God realign our hearts with His will.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some areas in your own life that God has given you discernment?
2. Do you have a Bible reading plan? If so, which one do you like the best and why? If not, what are some ways that you read through the Bible?
3. What ways do you worship the Lord? (songs, giving, service, etc.) What ways are you needing to grow in your worship?
4. What does your prayer life look like? How can you improve on the relationship that you have currently?

WRAP UP

God is looking for people to serve Him and to worship Him through their lives and not just through their words. Serving God is the most beneficial and yet risky thing that a person can do with their life. It is worth it to please the God of the universe and to see Him be blessed by the life that we live.