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Even The Stars Say Jesus Is Legit (Matthew 2:1-18)

Warmup: If you could follow a star today (like the wise men did), where would you hope it leads you: Disneyland, Chick-fil-A, the Super Bowl, or somewhere totally unexpected?

READ Matthew 2:1-18

- What does Herod's reaction reveal about his fears?
- Why was all of Jerusalem disturbed, and what does that show about the cultural climate?
- There were two things the wise men relied upon to find baby Jesus. Name these two things.
- Why were the wise men bringing gifts to baby Jesus?
- God sends out two warnings in this passage. How do God's warnings protect His mission, and what does this reveal about His sovereignty?

REFLECT

- As you read this passage what aspects of God's character stand out most to you here—His justice, His protection, His guidance? Explain.
- Through what means does God reveal His will in this passage, and how might that shape how you listen for Him today?
- What patterns of God's involvement do you see, and how do they encourage you about His involvement in your own life?

RESPOND

- Where in your life do you most long for God's presence and intervention right now?
- In what specific ways are you practicing trust in God during your current challenges?
- What practices (being with alone with God to listen and receive, asking God for help, worship, community, reading and declaring Scripture) will sustain you as you wait for God's timing?
- Like the wise men, what gift, whether gratitude, obedience, or surrender, are you offering to Jesus today?

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