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When Men Encounter a King
“The Baby King” Matthew 2:1-12

Introduction

We all are on a spiritual journey just as the Magi were. These men went on this journey not because they had nothing else to do, but because they were searching for hope. They encountered Herod the Great who was a very disturbed man, but this did not discourage them in their search of the Messiah.

Discussion Questions

1. Certainty, Contentment and Comfort were three important words David mentioned. Do you have all three? Why is it important to experience all three in your spiritual journey? How would your life and those around you be different if all three were evident in your life?
2. God is the source of joy, despite the cultural impressions that He is angry with us and is to blame for all the wrong that happens in our lives. Do you have any hurts or anger that is keeping you from receiving the powerful joy He brings? Does His joy conquer the fear in your life or is fear blocking the joy He gives?
3. Joy = comfort and is defined as well-being and relief. What are your thoughts about this definition of joy? How do you define joy? What is the difference between joy and happiness?
4. Through Jesus’ sacrifice, death, and resurrection He defeated all the negative circumstances of life. How does this motivate you to experience joy? How does this encourage you to be generous with your time, talent, spiritual gifts, and resources?
5. You can experience joy if you seek & surrender to Jesus, express gratefulness, & live generously. Is there something in your life you need to surrender? In what ways could you become more expressive in an attitude of gratefulness and generosity?
6. Grateful people enjoy what they have, not what they want. What are you grateful for? Are you content with your life? What brings you the most joy?

Conclusion

The angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for everyone!” Luke 2:10

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13