

Thornbury Baptist Church  
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

**Talk Date:** September 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Talk title:** 'The World Comes to Worship'\*

**Passage:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Speaker:** Jason Clark

**Discussion Questions**

- Jason talked about the way that our annual presentation of the Christmas Story can inadvertently cover its real message. In what ways might this be true?
- As you prepare for Christmas 2024, what are your top ideas for keeping Christmas 'real' – at home and also in TBC?
- Jason talked about two ways of viewing Jesus. One is the view of the ascended Lord Jesus, the heavenly King of Glory. The other is the 'humble and lowly Jesus' who we meet in real humanity in the Gospels. Both views are true, but which 'Jesus' do group members find they most naturally gravitate towards? Why is it important to be balanced? How well do we keep the balance at TBC?
- Jason talked about a new king causing a new currency to be issued, with his 'image' on it. How does it change our self-perception if we think of our lives as 'God's spending money'?
- We meet the idea of the 'currency of the King' in Ephesians 4:17-32, but using an alternative image of putting on a new set of clothes (v24). What does a life 'stamped' with the image of Jesus look like? What is people's experience of putting off the old clothes and putting on the clothes stamped with Jesus' image? Is there anything in these verses that is particularly challenging group members at this time?

**Takeaway**

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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