



AN AWE-FILLED CHRISTMAS: Wonder, Worship, and Waking Up

#TMHAweFilledChristmas 

Week 3: *The Ways of Worship*

APPETIZER – Listening to our “SMI”

S.M.I. = Something More Impulse

God is the truth you know you know...

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 1:20, 2:14-15

And Jesus is the expression of that truth you are looking for...

John 1:9, 12:32, 15:26, 16:8,14

This explains why King David says...

Psalms 14:1, 53:1

MAIN COURSE – We Three Kings?

Worship = Worth-ship; Attributing worth to God.

Matthew 2:1-12

Hebrew

1) Heb. *hawah* (173): to make low, bow down, prostrate.

2) Heb. *abad* (290): to serve.

Greek

1) Gk. *proskuneo* - to kiss or bow toward.

2) Gk. *latreia* - to serve.

Elements of Worship...

HONOUR + PRAISE + CELEBRATION + SERVICE

TAKE OUT – Following Your “Star”

How does God draw you to Christ? (Because he is.)

HOMEWORK...

This week, will you spend some time with your “star”?

But I have too many doubts!...

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

~ The Gospel of Matthew (28:17)

Worshipping through music...

Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Shout for joy! Rejoice! Rise up, glorify the day,

Praise what today the highest has done!

Shout for joy! Rejoice!

Abandon hesitation, banish lamentation,

Sing with rejoicing and exaltation!

Serve the highest with glorious choirs,

Let us honour the name of our Highest!



facebook.com/themeetinghousechurch



@theMeetingHouse
@Bruxy



The Bible App by Lifechurch.tv
Get teaching notes at
“Live” and search “Oakville”



Get our App!
road.ie/meetinghouse

Home Church Questions...

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. What is your favourite Christmas song/piece of music?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Read **Matthew 2:1-12**.
 - a. What verse or idea from the text (or Sunday's message) stands out to you? Why?
 - b. **Verse 2**. The Magi travelled far and put a lot of time and effort and expense into worshipping Jesus. In what ways are you most intentional about your investment of time, effort, and/or expense in worshipping Jesus? How do you need to grow in this?
 - c. **Verses 4-5**. Herod had the confirmation of the Magi and the priests he consulted that this was no hoax – the actual Messiah, King of the Jews, was about to be born. And yet he set himself against God's Son rather than worship him. Why do you think that is?
 - d. **Verse 8**. Herod was good at faking religious sensibilities. Have you ever faked your faith? Or been tempted to put on a false show? Talk about it.
 - e. **Verse 11**. Why did the Magi worship Jesus, even though he was just a child? Why do you worship him?
 - f. **Verse 12**. The Magi would have fallen for Herod's schemes if they weren't warned in a dream. Have you ever worried about whether or not you're missing God's specific will about something? How does this verse offer encouragement?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

3. What functions as your "star"? That is, what does God use in your life to lead you to Jesus? Describe the last time you were intentional about "star gazing" (intentionally partnering with how God works in your life to help yourself get closer to Jesus)?

December 15/22 || @bruxy

Quotes...

Wonder is the basis of worship.
~ Thomas Carlyle

There is a worldwide stirring among people today. They are tired of the experience of life and they are looking for a sense that God is with us.
~ Tommy Coomes

As soon as we acknowledge God to be the supreme architect, who has erected the beautiful fabric of the universe, our minds must necessarily be ravished with wonder at His infinite goodness, wisdom and power.
~ John Calvin

Christian worship is the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life.
~ Karl Barth

Worship is the magnification of God and the minimization of self.
~ James MacDonald

Worship God!
~ The Angel to the Apostle John (Revelation 22)

On coming to the house, the Magi saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
~ The Gospel of Matthew