



## Home Group study: week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**TITLE:** There is Hope - for those that search

**PASSAGE:** Matthew 2:1-12

**THEME:** There is Hope

### **Leaders Notes:**

- *Please use these questions as conversation starters to aid discussions. Please don't feel obligated to go through all the questions.*
- *After the reading I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?'*

### **Introduction**

What was the last thing that you seriously searched for?

### **Read Matthew 2:1-12**

Tim encouraged us to be both:

a) Researchers - who are actively pursuing the discovery of answers and purpose in our faith. Whether to a deeper level, for the first time or re-committing to search.

b) Research assistants - to be those who commit to developing their understanding and knowledge to support those who are searching.

- The Magi followed a star for belief in where it would lead them. Have you ever followed a sign or prompt from God? How did it go?
- Why do you think the whole of Jerusalem was disturbed through the arrival of the Magi?
- Have you encountered moments where people are asking questions or making comments that suggest a searching heart for purpose and meaning?
- How did you react? Were you able to support?
- What can we do to develop our knowledge and understanding so that we can, like the Chief Priests and Teachers of the law, signpost others to the next step on their journey?
- The Magi were described as "overjoyed" upon reaching the house that the child Jesus was at. Why do you think they were so overjoyed?
- What do you think of the statement "Jesus isn't hidden but is approachable, available and ready to be found for those who are searching."?
- What has been your experience of searching for answers of faith? Have you found the answers you were looking for, did you find different answers or are you still looking?

- How can we be encouraged to persevere in our searching?
- Is there anything you're searching for answers or guidance over right now?
- What one thing this Christmas time can you do to search afresh?

**Pray:**

- For each other in our searching especially if there are answers people are searching for.
- For those who you know are searching for meaning and purpose that they would find hope in our loving, living God.
- For all those who receiving an invitation to our Carol service.