

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

For Sunday, January 1, 2012's Sermon

Foundational Scripture:

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=192260848>

Sermon Series: None

Sermon Title: "Who Died and Made You King?"

Question: Who is the leader of my life?

Synopsis: Christ is the king of the world and the king of our lives as well.

Featured Scripture Reflection: "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." – **Matthew 2:11**

Opening Icebreaker: Who was the most influential leader in your life?

Additional Question: What does it mean to believe Jesus is the king of your life?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- Read **Matthew 2:1-12**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=192260848> What stands out to you about this passage? What questions does it raise? What does it tell you about the magi? What does it tell you about God?
- Read **Matthew 2:16-18**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=192260878> What words or phrases stand out to you when you read this story? What does it tell you about Herod? In what ways does Herod differ from the magi?
- Read **Matthew 27:35-37**. <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=192260908> How does this passage compliment what was read in the previous passages?

How is God speaking through Scripture?

- What is the "Good News" in these passages of Scripture?
- After discussing and pondering these passages, how do these passages affect me? (i.e. - How are these passages speaking to me?)

God's word

- What is God's invitation to you?

A prayer

God, you sent Jesus to earth to remind us that you are the true king, the rightful ruler of our lives. We surrender our lives to you and we give you our devotion. Amen