



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**The Savior Comes**  
**Jesus in the midst of hostility – Matthew 2:1-15**  
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Main thought:

Jesus' entrance into the world brought disruption. When Jesus disrupts our kingdoms, we can find hope and peace in an increasingly hostile world.

Prayer and Fellowship

Ice-Breaker

- Share with one another one of your favorite memories of a gift you received at Christmas.

Digging In

Read or recap Matthew 2:1-15, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage or message?
- How should our response to Jesus look like the Magi's response?
- Describe the reaction of the religious leaders to Jesus' birth. How does this reaction serve as a warning?

Further Reflection

Read Micah 5:1-6 and Hosea 11:1-12, the two prophecies from Matthew 2.

- What does Matthew reveal about Jesus by referencing these Old Testament passages?
- What are the parallels between the Exodus story and salvation in Christ?

Application

- Jesus disrupts the kingdoms we build. Consider how you have responded like Herod, the religious leaders, and the Magi to Jesus.
- It is easy during Christmas to lose the wonder of the Savior coming. How can you experience the joy of Jesus this week? What gifts will you bring to worship the King?
- No matter your hostility toward Jesus, he remains faithful and steadfast in His love for you. He wants you to receive the greatest gift, Jesus, this Christmas.