

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

December 30, 2013-January 5, 2014

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit. Consider memorizing verse 2.

December 30: Read I Corinthians 11:23-26. Having focused on this passage in last week's devotions and in the worship service yesterday, what is the Lord asking of you in response?

December 31: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Read the passage slowly several times. What word or phrase draws your attention? Spend time reflecting on that word/phrase asking God to speak to you through it. Write that word/phrase to keep before you this week.

January 1: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Focus on verses 1-2. How do you understand "we saw his star in the east?" Why did they get this revelation and others did not? What does this tell us about God and/or about humanity?

January 2: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Focus on verses 1-2. How do you understand "and have come to worship him?" Why did the Magi think that this was the appropriate response to the revelation given to them? How is this paralleled in our lives?

January 3: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Focus on verses 3-8 and verse 13. How do you understand King Herod and his actions? How does this relate to us as people oriented toward our own lives and interests? How do we try to eliminate Jesus as king?

January 4: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Focus on verses 9-12. When the Magi find Jesus they do three things: worship him, give gifts to him, and protect him. How do these three relate to our lives as people who have met Jesus?

January 5: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.