Read through the account of the wisemen worshipping Jesus in Matthew 2:1-12 (you may also want to check out the Old Testament references to this story in Micah 5:2 and Numbers 24:17).

Most of the artwork involving the Wisemen suggests the star they followed acted like some sort of beacon leading them to the treasure they sought. But how much did the star actually lead them and why did they make the journey to see Jesus?

1. From Matthew 2:1-2 we can tell they are probably not Jews and probably from outside the Roman Empire. What treasure (advantage, benefit, blessing) would they be able to find in paying homage to a foreign king in a foreign land who would have to struggle against foreign domination of His people?

What do people in our day and age expect to gain by giving gifts to politicians and powerful leaders of their own country.

2. What was it (vs. 5-6) that helped the Wisemen find the treasures they sought, more than the star, the ruling priests and the scribes could?

3. When they are finally led to their destination the Wisemen leave treasure instead of taking some back with them, or did they exchange one treasure for another? If the latter, what did they take back with them?

4. Can the Wisemen and their actions tell us anything about the cost and the effort involved in locating the treasure that God has promised us?

5. Is there a risk or commitment involved in the treasure here?

6. How is God involved in the Wisemen’s journeys and searches?

7. How might the Wisemen’s actions demonstrate a proper regard for material treasures in comparison with eternal treasures?