

Which one is the king? Matthew 2.1-12

1. **Power.** What is power? Is it a dirty word, or something to be sought? Discuss its use and abuse in our world. Then bring it closer to our churches, our homes and our own lives.

2. **The Magi.** The Bible's Mr Cools. Discuss your thoughts on why God chose to use such unusual people as part of his plan. What was he communicating by using them? What do you learn from their actions in the story?

3. **The Jews.** The Jews were expecting a king. But not one like Jesus. Do you project onto God your own ideas of what you think he should give instead of receiving what he actually has to give you?

4. **Two views of kingship.** Who are the powerful, by God's definition? If God calls us to submission, then what does his vision of kingship tell us about power in this world? What do you learn about the character of God from this passage?