

Wisdom is Not Enough: Study Questions

Matthew 2:1-18; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Little Trinity Church

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1. What do you typically think of when you think of the Wise Men?
Read Matthew 2:1-18
2. In the sermon, James suggested that the Wise Men were astrologers. What was one way he suggested we could make sense of them being guided by what we believe to be a pseudo scientific discipline? Can you think of ways to apply that to your own relationships with people whose beliefs differ from yours?
3. Though it is only implicit in the text, James suggested that the Wise Men stopped following the guiding star once they were in Judea. First, do you think that is a legitimate reading of the text? If so, is there a meaningful take-away for us from that in our own lives of faith? Does the 1st Corinthians reading help us with some clarity on this?
4. James' final take-away from our text was that the kingdoms of this world are very different from the Kingdom of God. What key difference did he focus on?
5. Question for further reflection: How cooperative are we with the Spirit's work of transformation in our lives?