



ADVENT WEEK 2 DEVOTIONAL

STARSTRUCK

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Matthew 2:1–2, 9**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

REFLECT

1. From Sunday's message, what did you learn about the star the Magi followed? What was most interesting to you? Why?
2. What "stars" do we follow? Where can they lead us?
3. There's a pursuit of Jesus by the wisemen here. What did their pursuit cost them? What ways in your life are you pursuing Jesus?
4. The wisemen arrive in Jerusalem, looking for Jesus. Why do you think they went to Jerusalem?
5. What does their search for Jesus teach us? What principles can we learn from them?
6. Is Jesus worth pursuing? Why?

RESPOND

List the top five “stars” you follow: sports team, social media influencers, pod casters, authors, pastors, mentors, etc. What makes them attractive? Where are these “stars” leading you?

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1–2, 9 | New International Version

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.