



New Beginnings

Sermon Based Small Group Plan
January 8, 2017

Sermon Title:

“Provision for a King”

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Steven Miller

Text: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12

Open in Prayer: Lord Jesus, we come humbly to your word seeking to be more like you. Be our amazing teacher as we learn to be mindful of every day we have life in faith as we are obedient to your call. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Fellowship Question: Share about a time that you received an amazing gift.

Take time to read the Scripture: in Matthew 2:1-12 and Isaiah 60:1-6– read in ESV if you have it

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

- Who are the wise men or wise women that you look to for advice?
- Why was it important that Jesus was born in Bethlehem?
- Why was King Herod so concerned about Jesus?
- What do we know about the Magi? And why were they chosen to bring gifts?
- As you look at this story what are the parts that amaze you?
- What does the star, the Magi, the gifts, the homage, and the hostility teach us about the nature and significance of Jesus?
- Is there a story in your life that speaks to the extravagance of God’s provision?
- How does this passage encourage you in your faith?

The Challenge: To notice the extravagant provision the Lord can bring to those who live for the Kingdom of God.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for thanksgiving for all that God has provided
- Pray for WPC and its mission efforts around the world
- Pray for the church as we seek to live for the Kingdom of God

Mission Encouragement for the winter:

- Think about being a part of the next brand **New Alpha Course** Starting on January 22nd at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Go to www.alphausa.org for more info.
- Continue to give our food donations to Manna in a weekly basis – Many Thanks!

Leader notes:

- Thanks for all you do as a small group leader.
- See if there are new people who might want to be a part of your group.