

They Saw the Star: Rejoicing & Reward
Matthew 2:9-15 – Pastor Todd Dugard

“The birth of Jesus causes great rejoicing and delivers divine rewards to all who come to him.”

So come to Jesus knowing he...

...directs your path (2:9)

- *The sermon referred to differences in generations, specifically, The Millennials (Age 19-36) and Gen-X (Age 36-51). What kind of Godly direction do you think is necessary for people of your generation?*

...puts joy in your heart (2:10)

- *We experience lasting joy when we receive Christ as Saviour. This gift of salvation revives our spiritual life. Are we able to give gifts that connect with people’s spirits? If so, how do we do that?*

...receives you into his family (2:11a)

- *How do you know you are welcome in God’s family? Why might someone who has been received into God’s family still feel like an outsider in the church?*

...accepts your worship (2:11b)

- *The Magi fell down in humility and worshipped the new king. What activity in worship best displays your own sense of humility before Jesus? What activities don’t display any humility at all?*

...multiplies your generosity (2:11c)

- *The Magi’s gold, frankincense, and myrrh funded the emergency trip to Egypt. How have your offerings and gifts been used to further God’s work beyond what you had in mind when you gave them?*

...blesses your obedience (2:12)

- *“Blessing follows obedience every time.” When did Mary and Joseph experience the blessing of accepting the responsibility to raise the Saviour of the world? Why isn’t the blessing on obedience always immediately obvious to us?*

...secures your every step (2:13-15)

- *We need the gift of security because following Jesus can give rise to fears. What situations are you facing that require you to reexamine the gift of security in every step of faith?*

Break Out!

This series was preached so that you would find the same Saviour that the Magi were led to. If you have come to see Jesus as the Saviour king God sent him to be, we want to rejoice with you. Tell us about this. If this series is a reminder of your convictions, we praise God for you!

- *What are some personal applications you will continue to work on as you move forward from this series?*

