

Opposition

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Matthew 2

A Horrible Story

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Famous parts – Skipped over parts
But intertwined ...

Bible Stories for Children

Create ... Sanitized, Sweet, Dumbed down versions
Fair enough!
But don't re-read, re-think as adults

God Intervenes

Unusual Events!

Star, Magi, Scripture, Dreams, Angel Visits

Horrible Events

God does intervene, but in a limited way

Sovereignty

King and Subject vs Machine and Control

King Talk

Two Kings

Jesus – The Coming King
Herod – The Current King

Kind of King

Entered our situation
Connected with regular people
Bore the pain and suffering on himself

The Way of Herod & The Way of Jesus

Two Ways – Individual, Cosmic, Everything between
Followers – The kind of King determines how we follow
Joy – When the Right King Rules

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

What is your favourite part of the Christmas story?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group?
(consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Passage

Read this passage: Matthew 2

Discuss a few of these questions:

Based on this story and what you may know from other sources, what kind of king was Herod?

Why do you suppose Herod opposed Jesus like he did?

Jesus was described here as an expected king. How?

Jesus ultimately was unlike typical kings. In what ways?

What does it mean to follow a king like Jesus?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other.
You may want to share specific requests.