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Week of October 25, 2026

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him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. [12] And having been warned in
a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another
route."
Matthew 2:1-12

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

1. God's revelation is _____ and _____ through history.
Psalm 19:1–11; Numbers 24:17

Wise Men Still Seek Him

2. The _____ has come as a _____.
Micah 5:2–4; 2 Samuel 5:2

3. God draws _____ people into His _____.
Matthew 1:3–6; Genesis 12:3

4. God's revelation calls for a _____ of _____.

MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- ○ Trust Jesus and begin following Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time today.
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1. God's revelation is intentional and unfolding through history.
   Psalm 19:1–11; Numbers 24:17

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2. The King has come as a shepherd.
   Micah 5:2–4; 2 Samuel 5:2

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   Psalm 72:8–11

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Discussion Questions - Week #5

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW
Thinking back to the weekend sermon, “Wise Men Still Seek Him,” summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Do you plan to take any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED
If you could travel anywhere in the world to see or experience something firsthand, where would you go and why?

The Magi in this weekend’s passage are probably best known for the gifts they brought. What’s one of the most memorable gifts you’ve ever received? What made it special?

DIGGING DEEPER
1. Throughout Scripture, we discover that God has made Himself known in a variety of ways. The natural world reveals something of His glory, while His Word gives us a fuller understanding of His character and purposes. In Psalm 19, David celebrates both forms of revelation and considers how we ought to respond.

Read Psalm 19:1–14.

According to verses 1–6, what does creation reveal about God? Share an instance when you experienced something of this yourself.

In verses 7–11, David describes God’s Word in several different ways. What do these descriptions reveal about its value and purpose?

How does David’s perspective on God’s law differ from the way we or our culture might typically view it?

What do verses 11–13 reveal about our role and God’s role in living a life of obedience?

David concludes the psalm by asking that both his words and the meditation of his heart be pleasing to God. Why do you think he includes both?

What might change in my daily life if I approached God’s Word with greater expectancy and a willingness to respond?

2. When the religious leaders told Herod where the Messiah would be born, they quoted a prophecy describing the coming King as a shepherd. Years later, Jesus would describe Himself as the Good Shepherd, revealing what kind of King He had come to be.

Read John 10:1–18.

What stands out to you in this passage?

What do we learn about Jesus and His relationship with His people from the way He describes Himself as the Good Shepherd?

If someone asked you how they could learn to hear the Shepherd’s voice, what would you tell them?

How does knowing Jesus as our Good Shepherd help us follow Him when His direction differs from what we want?

Is there an area of my life where I’m resisting Jesus’ authority? What would it look like to trust Him as both my King and my Shepherd?

FOR PRACTICE
This week, find a quiet place outdoors and spend a few minutes observing God’s creation. Then read Psalm 19, reflecting on how God reveals Himself through both creation and His Word. Consider what God is teaching you about Himself and how you might respond to what He has revealed.

SHARE IT
Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS
Pray for our mission partners in South Asia. Praise God that His Spirit is leading them in fruitful ministry among their Muslim neighbors. Pray that God would raise up more laborers for the harvest (Matthew 9:37–38). Pray also for protection from the evil one and for the continued advance of His Kingdom through their work.