

# LIFEgroups

## Open

*Go around and let everyone answer...*

What is your favorite way to celebrate Christmas each year?

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Why do we bother celebrating special events year after year?

*The Jews had many holy days and celebration where they remembered something God had done in the past.*

Why are celebration days like this important for God's people?

**Read:** *Matthew 2.1-12*

*This passage tells the classic story of the "three wise men."*

Why do you think the Magi felt moved to bring gifts to Jesus?

What does the gift we give someone tell them about who they are to us?

**Read:** *Psalms 47*

According to this passage, what are the "gifts" we bring to God in response to who he is?

How are the gifts of praise we bring similar to the gift the Magi were moved to bring?

## APPLY

How have you personally been blessed by the gifts you have brought to God through your worship.

*Close with a time of prayer and praise for the ways God has blessed you.*

## Leader Notes

### About This Guide

This guide is the 7th from the sermon series entitled Peace of Mind. It is a study of various Psalms for the purpose of helping people develop spiritually healthy Minds dealing with things such as gratitude, Joy, anger, discouragement, and the like.

### Big Idea

This discussion comes from Matthew 2 and Psalm 47 - one of the royal psalms in the Bible. It is about the coronation of the king, and may well have been sung at coronations. This Psalm compliments the birth account when considered in reference to the King of kings. After all, all the psalms really do point to Him!

### Reaching Out

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.