

# HANDLE WITH WORSHIP

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## Christmas in the Wise Men's Hands

Text: Matthew 2:9-12

### *Handling Christmas (Part 7)*

#### Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. What ideas expressed in the quotation below particularly intrigue or stir you?

*"Worship is the submission of my nature to God's being; the quickening of my conscience by his holiness; the nourishment of my mind with his truth; the purifying of my imagination by his beauty; the opening of my heart to his love; the surrender of my will to his purpose; and all of this, gathered up in adoration." (William Temple)*

2. How will you more actively search for the Truth in this year ahead?

- a. Read the Bible more regularly
- b. Set aside time for prayer more consistently
- c. Practice some other kind of "training for the spirit" (spiritual disciplines)
- d. Join a scripture-centric Bible study, class, or small group
- e. Attend the *Start Here* class
- f. Listen carefully to the January sermon series on *Growing Intentionally*
- g. Other...

3. In what ways can you bow your life more fully before the Greatest One?

- a. Stop asking God to arrange life for me and start arranging more of my life for his purposes
- b. Be more of a servant in my home, school, workplace, or community
- c. Give God more heartfelt praise
- d. Other...

4. What would it look like for you to give Jesus gifts that are truly worthy of him?

- a. Establish a Quiet Time first thing in the day
- b. Take a further step toward really tithing or moving beyond it
- c. Truly worship (vs. merely attend a worship service)
- d. Start giving the first-fruits of my blessing (vs. the left-overs)
- e. Other...

5. What orders has God given that you need to redirect your route to follow?