

FROM MICAH & HOSEA TO JOSEPH

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MESSAGE RECAP

Matthew introduces us to the Magi & Herod and connects the events of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem (Malachi 5:2) and escape to Egypt with Israelites Exodus (Hosea 11:1), and shows us that just like the Exodus, God shows up for his people.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read [Matthew 2:1-8](#). Why is Herod so concerned about this baby?
2. Herod is fixated on what Jesus could cost him. Was he right? Are there times you've been worried that Jesus will cost you something? Were you right?
3. What has Jesus cost you? Really...what have you given up? Has it been for good?
4. Read [Matthew 2:13-15](#) and discuss the similarities of Jesus coming and the Exodus story.
5. [Matthew 16:24-26](#) describes how a commitment to Jesus leads to life. In what ways have you seen this play out?
6. Following Jesus will cost you something. Not following Jesus will cost you everything. How does that help put Jesus at the Center of your Christmas?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.