

The Meaning Behind the Magic | Week #05

The Cup of Kindness | December 30th and January 2nd

Anchor Verse: Everyone who listened was astonished at what the shepherds told them. But Mary took all this in and reflected on it. Luke 2:18-19

What's the Issue Anyway?

As we look to what's _____, we remember and hold what's _____.

We all receive _____ differently.

The Magic in Epiphany and a New Way Home (Matthew 2:7-12)

January 6 is the 12th Day of Christmas and the Christian celebration of _____.

The Magi searched _____. (2:8)

The appropriate response to encountering Jesus was _____. (2:11)

The encounter with Jesus led to a _____ way home. (2:12)

The Meaning behind the Magic of the Epiphany of the Magi

Encountering and worshipping Jesus always leads to another way of _____.

Encounter: Experience of the _____ presence

Worship: _____ to a place of authority and influence

Your Everyday Normal Life

Encounter and worship _____ in your fear and you will find another way.

Worship Jesus in your home and find a new way to be a _____.

Worship Jesus in your finances and find a new way of being _____.

Worship Jesus in your physical life and find a new way of being _____.

Worship Jesus in your schedule and find a new way to be _____.

How does this Make us and the World a Better Place?

Encountering Jesus in the cups of kindness brings _____ into our hearts.

Worshipping Jesus brings _____ in the midst of our fears.

NEXT STEPS (What is God inviting you into today?)

1. I have a place of fear where I need to encounter and worship Jesus.
2. Make 2022 a year of encounter and worship.
3. Take a cup of kindness to someone this week.

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion:

1. When you think about your past, what is beautiful and worthy of remembering and honoring?
2. Can you think of a time when you had to find another way of working or being? How did you respond? Do you like new or are you more wired for familiar?
3. The magi searched carefully for Jesus. How can we continue to search carefully? Why is it important to be careful with our faith, and what happens if we aren't? How do you know when you have found the authentic Jesus?
4. Where in your life does fear tend to take hold of your heart? How can you worship Jesus in those areas and experience the power of God?
5. Why do you think hope is so powerful in our world?