

HOME GROUP NOTES 7th. January 2018

ICE BREAKER

Can you recall a journey that was either particularly enjoyable or particularly difficult.

WORSHIP -

Light a candle and say together

Psalm 27

Reflect before moving on.

WORD

Read Matthew 2:1-12

1. In what way does Matthew link v1 and v9? What might his reason for this be?
2. Explore the contrast between King Herod and Jesus?
3. How might you have reacted to the arrival of the Magi?
4. Read Exodus 1:1-10 and Exodus 5:1-9. Can you see any parallels?
5. God made a number of promises with His people throughout the years, what were they? The promise of the new covenant was to be the best of all. Who or what was that?
6. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 ? Reflect on the task of the prophets, in what way were they faithful? Do you think they always remained focused? In what way might they have become discouraged?
7. Read Micah 5:2 How might the Chief Priests and Teachers of the Law reacted to the arrival of the Magi?
8. What was the significance of the gifts brought by the Magi?
9. Where can God's provision be seen in this passage?
10. In what ways do you expect to see God move today? Consider why the Magi returned home via another route?

WITNESS

Pray for that we would worship more freely.

Pray for the Church to receive more of God's wisdom.

Pray for the faithful teaching and preaching at St Michael's & St. John's.

Pray for God's guidance and protection over our Church, families, homes, town and nation.

Pray for those who are ill or in any kind of need, and those who have been bereaved, remembering especially those who are and have been members of our churches.

Close with the Grace.