

## Guided by the Light: Craig Rees and Travis Rea Main Auditorium & Chapel | 10 December 2023

## Scriptures: Matthew 2:1-12

**Big Idea**: Jesus is the Light of the world who illuminates the darkness and exposes sin.

- 1. How does the theme of "Follow the Light" resonate with your spiritual journey? Can you identify specific biblical passages that have played a crucial role in guiding you in a specific moment of life?\
- 2. Reflect on the idea that people were waiting for over 700 years, as mentioned in the message. Can you relate this waiting period to any aspects of your life where patience and faith were necessary?
- 3. How would you explain what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the light of the world?" (John 8:12).
- 4. Considering the background information about the Magi and their connection to Zoroastrianism, have you ever been surprised by the spiritual journey of someone you encountered, much like the Magi's unexpected role in worshiping Jesus?

- 5. Read Ephesians 5:13-14. What does Paul mean when he says, "Everything that is illuminated becomes a light"?
- 6. Reflect on the message's discussion of the Magi seeing the spiritual significance of the star. Can you recall moments in your life when you saw deeper meaning in seemingly ordinary events, and how has that moment impacted your life?
- 7. How do we avoid seeking spiritual significance in too many things? Is that even possible?
- 8. Explore the message's concept of Jesus being both the illuminating and exposing light. Can you identify specific areas in your life where you feel God has provided general clarity and guidance (illuminating light)? Are there areas where you need specific revelation and exposure (exposing light)?
- 9. Building on the mention of the morning star rising in our hearts from 2 Peter 1:19, how do you understand and experience the concept of Jesus as the morning star illuminating your inner being? What implications does this have for your daily life and spiritual walk?