

# HOUSE GATHERING GUIDE

Week of  
Dec. 26-30th

## WELCOME & WORSHIP

Welcome everyone, have someone open in prayer, and begin worship (1-2 songs, no more than 10 minutes)

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## SPIRIT-LED PRAYER

Open the floor for prayer - ask people to pray as they feel led to pray. You, the leader, can discern when it's time to shift and close this time of prayer out.

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## TESTIMONIES/PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask for testimonies and prayer requests - please write these down and email them to [pastorkylegarrison@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkylegarrison@gmail.com) (they don't have to be super detailed)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. Host Team Training for Call to Worship/Tithing** - All who serve in these area or want to in 2023 - join us Wed. Jan 11th @6:30-7:30pm

**2. We WILL have our Worship Gathering on New Years Eve!** - Make plans to join us!

## MESSAGE

# THE GOOD IMAGE

### Scriptures:

Hosea 11:1-12

Romans 8:29

John 1:14

Matthew 2:1-6, 12

Genesis 1:26

Matthew 2:13-14

Philippians 2:5-11



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## SUMMARY

This past weekend, we received a message called “The Good Image” learning that God had an image in mind when He created us and we see that image in Jesus. We praise God for giving us His Son!

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When Jesus was born, the Word of God was revealed in a new way. How does Word becoming flesh paint a picture of how we should live our lives?
2. As we read part of the story of the birth of Jesus, we see that the star appeared when Jesus was born. Why is this significant?
3. How does this relate to the potential of our authority in Christ?
4. What principle is shown in the wise men searching for Jesus as it relates to us being conformed to the image of Jesus?
5. We see that Jesus was revealed in a humble town with no authority or influence, yet He had it. What does truth can we receive from this image for us and our lives?
6. When the wise men saw the star, they knew the prophecy pointed toward Bethlehem, yet they went to Jerusalem. Why did they go to Jerusalem to see King Herod instead of Bethlehem to see King Jesus?
7. What does it mean for us to go to the “wrong authority”?

8. The wise men going to Herod inadvertently caused him to murder many children because he was threatened by the idea of a new king. Do you ever feel like bad decisions you make are held against you in the eyes of God? How are those decisions redeemable?
9. The wise men never returned to Herod because God told them not to. What image is this a picture of for our lives?
10. We see in Hosea 11 that the people of God were called out of Egypt, yet Jesus was called to go back. Why?
11. The more the people walked out of Egypt, the more of a gradual shift in what they gave glory/credit./praise to. Why do we tend to shift glory to other things than God?
12. What is the danger in giving glory to anything other than God?
13. If we have given glory to “other” - how can this be redeemed?
14. Other than redeeming us - why was Jesus given to us in the form of flesh?
15. One of the great characteristics of Jesus was humility. Why is this image such an important trait we should have?
16. Can conditions challenge our humility as a people depending solely on God? How and why is this a problem?
17. As we read through the chapter, we see a prophecy that “the Lord will roar like a lion” - What is this roar?
18. How can we properly respond to the roar of God?

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## **CLOSING**

Ask anyone for closing thoughts/questions and then ask someone to close in prayer - thank everyone for coming!