Life Group Material – or notes for your own study **Epiphany**

Week beginning 06/01/19

Matthew 2:1-12 and John 1:1-18

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Consider these four definitions of epiphany:

- A moment when you suddenly feel that you understand, or suddenly become aware
- A moment of sudden insight or understanding
- A usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something
- An illuminating discovery, realisation or disclosure

Read the story of the Magi in Matthew 2:1-12

- How do you relate the story to the definitions of epiphany?
- Listen to the carol 'Three Kings from Persian Lands afar' on YouTube or on a CD (it's on Kings College Carols).
- The carol talks about 'following the star' and 'offering your heart' to Jesus. The New Year is a time when many of us think about the year ahead.

What is your experience of making New Year resolutions?

Consider either of the following as an alternative:

- Sharing your new year resolution with a prayer partner or your life group and ask them to hold you accountable throughout the year.
- Choosing a verse and a word to help you see God's transforming power in your life this year. Share this with a prayer partner or your life group and ask them to hold you accountable throughout the year.

 Every blessing