

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. Read Isaiah 9.1-4. What is the prophet Isaiah referring to when he speaks of "deep darkness"?
2. How does the context of 400 years of prophetic silence add significance to how we read this text today? Where are we tempted to fall into unbelief when we feel that God is being silent?
3. Why was King Herod and all of Jerusalem troubled that the wisemen wanted to worship the Messiah?
4. What do the wisemen represent in the original context of the Christmas story? Pondering the light of Jesus shining in the darkness, what wisdom is our darkness, and how does Jesus' light shine on it?
5. What is the wisdom of the world in which you are most tempted to replace the wisdom God has given us in Jesus?
6. The wise man "fell down and worshipped Him...they offered Him gifts..." How does this response warm our hearts to how we should respond to Jesus' presence in our lives?