

**Lesson Aim:** To consider the wonder and power of the true meaning of Christmas.

Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the winter break.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

1. As you think about your own personal “Christmas history”, what are three symbols that you could use to describe it?
2. In the teaching Sunday, Pastor Scott discussed seven things that were “in the hand of baby Jesus.” Looking over your notes, which one stands out to you the most and why?
3. **READ Matthew 1:18-25.** What reason does Matthew give as to why Jesus was born? When did Jesus become your “Immanuel” – God with you?
4. How have you experienced Jesus as Immanuel in your life lately?
5. **READ Matthew 2:1-12.** In your journey toward Christ, how have you been like the Magi? Unlike them? Have you had to leave anything to follow Jesus?

**Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.**

# CHRISTMAS 2012:

## What's in that Baby's Hand?

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❶ A family

- Mark 6:3; Luke 2:4-7

❷ A map

- Matthew 2:13-21

❸ A towel

- Mark 10:43-45; John 13:2, 4-5

❹ A nail

- Acts 2:23; John 19:15

❺ A scepter

- Matthew 2:2; Psalm 2:9; Revelation 12:5; Isaiah 9:6-7; John 18:37

❻ The world, the future, your destiny

- Psalm 2; Revelation 1:17-18

❼ A gift

- John 3:16; Romans 6:23; John 1:11-12



## THE INVITATION OF CHRISTMAS