



# AS PROMISED

## Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 2:1-18 // The Redeemer and King

- Pastor Jeff talked about us being made in God's image to rule under his authority. What makes someone a good leader? What are some bad uses of authority you've seen or experienced?
- Read Mathew 2:1-6 and Micah 5:2-4. How does the king whom Micah foresees embody selflessness? How does Jesus' incarnation and birth display humility?
- What area of life do you have some authority over (work, home, finances, family, options/choices)? How can Jesus' kingship over you help you exercise selfless authority?
- Read Matthew 2:13-15 and Hosea 11:1-5. Matthew highlights the contrast between Israel as an idolatrous son in the exodus and Jesus as the faithful son of God. What sources do we look to for life, happiness, and security?
- In what ways do we struggle to keep our promises, live up to our intentions, or remain faithful to our commitments? Thank Jesus for his faithfulness. Ask him to strengthen you in areas where you are tempted to give up.
- Read Matthew 2:16-18 and Jeremiah 31:15-20. How do you see God's compassion for his wayward children in these passages? What promise does God make to his disobedient people? How is that fulfilled in Jesus?

- To whom do you have trouble showing compassion? How does the recognition of God's kindness to us change our hearts?
- Spend some time reflecting on this reminder/promise of God's compassion for you, then express that in praise to God and prayers for you to reflect his compassion to others.

