

## Advent: Kings & Shepherds

### December 10, 2017

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1. Who are the key people in the 'normal' nativity scene? Why are they there?
2. Read Matthew 2:1-12. Who were the Magi from the East? What is important about their story?
3. Read Luke 2:8-16. Who were these Shepherds? What's important about their story?
4. The Magi and the Shepherds create a spectrum for us to see the 'types' of people who are welcome near Jesus? What sort of spectrum do they create?
5. Read Galatians 3:28. What does it mean that we are all 'one in Christ Jesus?'
6. What sorts of divisions, if any, do you see within the Church today? Why are they there? Are they appropriate?
7. Using Galatians 3:28 and the Nativity scene, explain why racism and classism have no place within the church.
8. What sorts of barriers do we as Christians create that prevent modern day 'shepherds' and 'magi' from coming near to Jesus?

