

**Text:** Micah 5:2, 4; Matthew 2:1-12

**The Left-handed Thread of Significance**

- Insignificance and \_\_\_\_\_ value
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ of significance
- The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are welcome participants

**The Left-handed Thread of Religion**

- \_\_\_\_\_ religion
- Active and \_\_\_\_\_ religion

**The Left-handed Thread of Power**

- \_\_\_\_\_ with human rulers
- God's Kingdom values a different \_\_\_\_\_

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some of the ways American society defines a person's significance?
- How does the worldly view of significance shape people's view of themselves and others?
- How does God's perspective on significance differ from the world's? What does this mean for the way Christians view and treat each other and those who are lost?
- Why is the story of the Magi important to God's redemptive mission? What does it say that these foreigners knew about Messiah and the Israelite king did not?
- What are the characteristics of complacent religion?
- What are the dangers of feeling satisfied with biblical knowledge and failing to apply what we know?
- What does God's kingdom authority look like (Mark 1:15-26)? How can we participate more fully in kingdom authority?
- How would our society define power? Why is this societal description of power inadequate?
- What type of power is God's kingdom built upon? How does it impact society? What are some ways we can better demonstrate God's power?