Feast of Epiphany – Year C

- I. Today we hear about the Magi looking for Jesus
 - There is a rabbi that has a book titled "Man's Quest for God"
 - It's really about "God's Quest for Man"
 Which comes first My seeking God or God seeking me?
- II. My father walking the beach of Florida after a storm
 - Beach littered with starfish
 - Small girl throwing them back
 - How can you make a difference beach is miles long
 - It makes a difference to this one.
- III. Each of us has a relationship with God that's unique, all our own.
 - God finds us one by one, right where we are.
 - How each of us grows in that relationship is very special
 - Story of the Magi tells us about them
 - 1. Magi = Wise Men or Astrologers
 - Be Magi for a minute charting stars, doing job.
 - & they see something new, they understood its meaning
 - In midst of their daily tasks & they dropped everything
 - GOD CALLS IN THE DAY TO DAY
 - 2. WE ARE TRYING TO BUY A CAR no money.
 - Out of the blue my father calls and offers us a loan
 - We didn't ask, he just did it

But for us – it was God moving, meeting our needs *We see something new & understood its meaning.*

- 3. Why did they come? THE KEY
 - To worship Him

Not to talk to the new king – or trade – or alliance WORSHIP *proper response to <u>God's revelation</u>*

- Response to my father's generosity PRAISE GOD
- IV. Epiphany means "Revelation"

It's not a 1x event in the past

It's an ongoing reality – Epiphany is for TODAY – for ME and for YOU

God still reveals Himself – maybe not a star

But in YOUR everyday life

Magi saw a sign of God and came – to worship

Where do we see God?

In our children, our husband, our wife, our neighbor, our teacher, friends, boss.

& when we do, how do we respond?