

Feast of Epiphany – Year A

Today is the Epiphany – the Wise Men arrive – WE arrive – and Jesus is revealed to US

Up until now Jesus has only been revealed to Jews

(Think about it)

Mary and Joseph

Shepherds

People of Bethlehem (on entering the house – no stable now)

Up until Magi – only Jews have seen baby Jesus BUT THAT ALL CHANGES TODAY

Now Jesus is revealed to strangers – Wise Men – Gentiles

Epiphany means “Revelation”

BUT the Epiphany is not a 1x event in the past –

Every Day can be an Epiphany – For ME and for YOU

Its that AHA Moment – that personal revelation of God in our lives

In MY life – your life – our lives

For me it was when I realized “God loves you”

Was ***not a plural YOU, but singular.***

An Epiphany – AHA – God loves ME, just me

The creator of the universe cares about ME!

Listen:

As we hear about the Magi and their journey following the star to discover their AHA Epiphany

What star are WE following?

In our lives some people will be highly influential (OUR STARS) – some GOOD, some BAD

- The Good Love us - Support us - Guide us – Even when we stray, forgiveness
(They can be sources of our Epiphanies)
- The Bad *encouraging us to stray*
(Come on, everybodies doing it – its OK)

Who were the bright lights in your life? Who were the dark ones?

Here’s another question:

- For whom have you been a guiding light A N D where are you leading them?
- Who is looking to you for guidance, leadership, or advice?
God uses many means to draw people – EVEN YOU!

Who cares how it happens

What matters is that people are drawn to Jesus

- Jesus is the light of the world – and we have been entrusted with that light
We have responsibility to share it
At pearly gates St. Peter isn’t going to ask what did your church do with the light?
He’ll ask, what did you do with the light
I pray that YOU may shine and reflect glory of God
So when they find YOU – they find Jesus