

**This Week's Personal Reflection Time**  
**fccphx—Sunday, December 23, 2018**  
**Encounter Christmas**  
**Magi Encounter the Christ**

**Connect**- How's it going? Did you share the story this past week?  
How is God's Story changing your life?  
How/Who did you serve this week?

**Worship**- Focus on the Lord. Sing, Praise, Give Thanks. Prepare to hear from God. Read: Isaiah 60:1-3, 6, 14; Isaiah 59:20; Matt. 1:21

**Word**- Read/Tell & Discuss: **Magi Encounter the Christ**  
**Mathew 2:1-12**

- What is God saying? (What did you discover in this story?)
  
- How does this teaching or story relate to you?
  
- What does God want you to do now?
  
- To whom can you pass on this teaching or story?

**BIG Idea:** When our focus is on Jesus the Messiah, our minds and hearts are changed, *we repent of our own sin*, and the walls between us and our enemies are broken down. Only then can we come together to worship and serve our Savior.

**Serve/Pray**- (1) Plan your next service project. How will you follow up on those you serve? (2) Divide, men with men & women with women, share a personal need, pray for each other by name.

**Next Week** (December 30): Post Christmas Wonder!

**Connecting with God—Growing Together—Serving Others**