



SPX Small Groups

Life is Better Together



AN SPX MESSAGE SERIES

Unstuck: Week 1 – January 3
Feast of the Epiphany

- 1) What Epiphany traditions, if any, does your family celebrate?
- 2) What is the weirdest place you ever been physically stuck? How did you get free?
- 3) In the Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12), after the wise men share the news of the newborn King, Herod is greatly troubled. He asks the wisemen to return to him after they find the baby, so he may go and do homage as well.
 - a. Do you think Herod's lie was obvious to these foreigners? Why or why not?
 - b. If you were one of the Magi, what would your reaction have been when you realized that your mission to pay homage to the new King might somehow endanger the baby's safety? Would you be questioning the wisdom of God or second guessing yourself?
 - c. The wisemen are warned in a dream to go home by another way. Has God ever given you a message through a dream?
- 4) One of the lessons we can learn from the wisemen is to always be on the lookout for God's messages – whether in the stars, a dream, or in our own feelings – like the tension they felt from Herod. How has God used your feelings – like anger, frustration, or sadness to teach you something important?
- 5) Have you ever made a bad decision because you ignored tension in your life? What happened?
- 6) Have you ever made a good decision because you paid attention to the tension in your life? What happened?
- 7) If you have not done the optional "homework" from Fr. Mike - to write and reflect on in what areas of your life you feel stuck – do you want to commit to doing that before we meet next? If you have done it, what did you discover?
- 8) Watch the small group extra and discuss.