

1. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
2. What was it like being all together again this morning? What are some things you've learned through this whole process?
3. When's the last time you read through one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John)?
 - a. Which one would you say is your favourite, and why?
4. On Sunday we talked about truly knowing Jesus.
 - a. Have all your ideas about Jesus come from the Bible, or have they come from other sources? (Give examples.)
 - b. How confidently would you answer the question, "I know Jesus"?
5. Read through Matthew 1:1-17 again.
 - a. What are some notable or unusual names that are mentioned?
 - i. Take some time to refresh yourself on the stories of the four Gentile women mentioned here: Tamar (Genesis 38), Rahab (Joshua 2), Ruth (Ruth 1) and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11). Jot down any insights or observations.
 - ii. Think of some people you know who have had these kinds of experiences.
 - i. What have your attitudes and actions towards these people tended to be like?
 - ii. Does anything need to change, and what?
 - b. Identify some names from this list that we know *nothing* about.
 - i. Do you think they expected their name to end up on this genealogy? What can we learn from this?
6. What does this passage tell us about waiting?
 - a. What's the most significant thing you're waiting for today?
 - b. How can this passage help us to wait well? (See also 2 Peter 3:8-13).
7. This passage reminds us about God's heart for the nations.
 - a. How is *your* heart for the nations?
 - b. Does anything need to change here, and what do you plan to do about this?
8. "Life is not about you." Do you agree with this statement?
 - a. Identify one way in which this week's passage should and will make a practical difference in how you live this week.