



Christmas
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NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. (Scale 1-10) How important do you think hospitality is to sharing Jesus today? Explain your answer.
3. How does your heritage influence the practice of your faith? Can you name significant practices that shaped your faith growing up? Why were they so important?
4. "Our experience has the potential to influence our behavior." Share one positive and one negative experience that has shaped the practice of your faith.
5. The words 'stranger' and 'hospitality' are connected in unmistakable ways. Consider the implications the connection should have on our lives and our church.
6. Ephesians 2 teaches that in view "of God's kindness to us in Jesus, the new humanity is philoxenic not xenophobic." Share experiences you have had of either or both of these terms.
7. "In a divided world, the new humanity is driven more by with-ness than witness. Celebrating Christmas indicates our commitment to ground our presentation on the foundation of our presence." How can this concept shape your idea of ministry in 'your corner of the world.'
8. From 'stranger, to guest, to host.' Consider how you moved through these stages. How easy was it for you to embrace your role as a host? What helped you?