

Guest List
An Unexpected Christmas
November 28, 2021

Notes:

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

Read Matthew 1:1-6.

Ancestry DNA test kits have become very popular in recent years. Have you ever had your DNA tested? If so, did you discover anything that surprised you?

As you read these first verses of Jesus' genealogy, is there anything about them that surprises you? What do you know about the women who are mentioned?

Read Matthew 9:1-8.

Why did the people bring the paralyzed man to Jesus? What were they seeking?

What was Jesus first response to the man? Do you think that was what he expected?

What is Matthew's point in telling this story? What does he want people to understand about Jesus?

Read Matthew 9:9-12.

Remember that Matthew is the one writing this gospel. In these verses he tells his personal story of becoming a follower of Jesus. Why is Matthew's story of being invited by Jesus so important?

Why were the religious teachers and Pharisees so offended by Jesus words and actions? In what ways did He not meet their expectations?

Read Matthew 9:1-12 again.

What words does Matthew use to describe the people that Jesus interacts with in this chapter? Do any of these words apply to you?

What kind of healing do you long for Jesus to give you this season? Is it physical, mental, emotional, relational, financial, spiritual, or a combination?