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STUDY GUIDE | APRIL 24, 2022

THINKING THEOLOGICALLY

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Thinking Theologically – The reflective process whereby we discern how to live our daily lives, do ministry and mission, and engage the culture around us in a way that is faithful to scripture.
- Examples:
Intentionally Intercultural Ministry | A Community Centre Style Facility.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. Living in a liminal or "in-between" time means we're no longer where we used to be before the pandemic started but we're not yet where we're going to be once we've fully emerged from it.

How does giving language to this unsettled feeling help you to live in this in-between time?

3. Which of the phrases below comes to mind when you hear the word "theology"?
 - Nothing at all
 - What is theology, anyway?
 - Boring
 - Irrelevant
 - Interesting
 - Exciting
 - Good theology is the stuff of LIFE!
4. Read Ephesians 2:16-18, 21-22. As an example of theological conviction, we believe that through the cross, God breaks down barriers that divide us and unites us into a single family in Christ.

How have you experienced this in the intercultural ministry at Cornerstone? What are some things you appreciate most about worshipping with a diverse community? What are some challenges?

5. Read John 1:14 and John 20:21. God became a flesh-and-blood human being in Jesus so that he could personally relate with people and share his love with them. What does it mean for you that God wants a relationship with you so much that he comes to us in the person of Jesus?

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6. In describing how Cornerstone Centre embodies the presence of Jesus to our community, Pastor Paul Nixon writes, *“It is not just a church building, but a town square, a public space where the church can develop relationships with thousands of nearby people who would never darken the doors of a Canadian church in normal circumstances.”*

How important is it that a church sees its mission (including its ministries and building) as existing not just for itself but for the community? What happens when it doesn't?

7. What is one way you can embody Jesus' love to someone who needs it this week?

LET'S PRAY: Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).