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1. What did you find striking about the session?
2. Andy spoke of the contrasts we see between Bethlehem and Jerusalem in the narratives. What did you make of this? How might it inform what our Christianity looks like today?
3. **Read 1 Kings 9:10-26.** How does Solomon's actions here show that he is starting to act like Pharaoh? Do you tend to see Solomon as a high point or a low point in the story?
4. Which of 'royal perspective', 'prophetic perspective' and 'priestly perspective' do you most naturally tend towards? Has this session challenged you at all in this area?
5. When Andy was speaking about the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan, he spoke about individual and structural evil. Which of these do you think of most when you think about the evil in the world? How does an understanding of the influence of 'the world' (structures), 'the flesh' (individual sin) and 'the devil' (spiritual influence) help us understand the problem more broadly?
6. **Read Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50.** How do these five short parables help us to understand the kingdom of God?
7. Pray together

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