***SERMON TAKE AWAY for 17 January***

**“Seeking Refuge In Egypt!”**

Scripture – Matthew 1:13- 23

As an addition to the Sunday morning sermon the following questions have been designed to facilitate conversations and reflection for individuals, couples and groups.

**Opening Question**:

1. If you had to pull up stakes and go to another country, where would you go?
2. Would you ever go back to your birth-place to live now or retire later? Why or why not?

**Looking At The Scriptures**:

1. What type of king do you imagine Herod to be? What does his response of fear and anger show about his views?
2. What is Matthew’s point in emphasizing God’s watchful care over Jesus? In the fulfillment of Hosea’s and Jeremiah’s prophecies (vv. 17-18, 23)?
3. What relocation options face Joseph? How did God use prophecy, dreams, faith and circumstances to guide him?

**Questions To Reflect On:**

1. When, like Herod, have you felt threatened by Jesus kingship? How did / do you react at those times?
2. From Joseph’s responsiveness, what do you learn about faith and obedience? How long would it take you to say “yes” if God asked you to move on with him? Why the delay?