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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus comes to make me part of His spiritual lineage.

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What's in a name? Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on who Jesus is and how His character and presence affects your present and eternity. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### Identify

How do you respond when you *see* blood? What feelings does it evoke?

### Read

*Scriptures to grow by...* Isaiah 11:1-5; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:13 Matthew 1:1, 3:17, 15:22, 20:30, 21:9, 22:41-46; Luke 1:29-33, 2:10-12; John 3:3-8; 1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22; Genesis 9:4; Deuteronomy 12:23.

### Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? What thoughts, ideas or questions come up for you when you here the phrases "Son of God" and "Son of David" as it pertains to Jesus? How might these words be similar or different in your understanding?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug quoted C.S. Lewis who said:" [Jesus] told people that their sins were forgiven, and never waited to consult all the other people whom their sins had undoubtedly injured." How do you respond to this statement? What feelings might come to the surface if you were the injured party?

### Respond (*Soul-Work*)

*Moving forward...* Sit in a quiet place and imagine the blood flowing through your body. Can you sense its movement with every heart-beat? With that picture firm in mind, consider how Jesus' love is coursing through your spirit on the inside like blood that pulses through your body. Are there any blockages? Any toxins that you would like to bring before Jesus for some help? Perhaps your spiritual blood flow is wide open. Is there anyone you feel God leading you toward to share the love of Jesus with by simply loving them yourself?