

## **The Expert Gathering Group Discussion Questions**

*Please note: beginning in August, our group and individual study materials will be posted on Mondays.*

### **Ice Breaker:**

- What is something from the last week that caused you to laugh?

**Question #1:** Pick one of these questions to get the conversation going:

- What is the main point of the sermon?
- What was the most significant point from Greg's message?

**Question #2:** Read Matthew 11:27-28

- What makes this claim by Jesus so radical?
- If you were an average person from the first century and you heard Jesus say this, what would be a normal response?

**Question #3:** Many times, we just say that we trust Jesus because it's the thing to do in the church. But we don't really think through what it means to trust the expertise of Jesus.

- Why is it crucial to talk about the reason for trusting the authority of Jesus?
- What are the reasons for trusting the expertise of Jesus?
- Which reason that Greg shared is the most significant to you?

**Question #4:**

- What happens when we do not trust the teachings of Jesus on the big questions of life?
- What are some subtle ways that competing authorities undermine the teaching of Jesus when we put our trust in them? (Examples of this might include working 70 hours per week in order to get ahead, or doing what we want because it makes us happy, even though it might have a negative impact on others.)