

### **What is one new thing you learned or an idea to which you were exposed?**

What was exposed to me in this week's video's lesson was that metaphors were more of a cultural or community idiom. I never looked at metaphors in that way. However, as I reflect on my childhood growing up in the south, my family used metaphors all the time. For me, my relatives were just talking crazy talk because what they were saying never made any sense to me. We will say things like, "*Y all*" this is usually used when addressing people in a group, or "*Bless your heart*" and this is used when a person would do something kind for you. But the one I heard most growing up was "*I Reckon*" which means that a person believes something to be true. When it comes to biblical metaphors, at first it was confusing to me because for a long time I took it literally because I always read it on a surface level. Isaiah 64: 8, "*But now, O Lord, You are our Father, We are the clay, and you our potter; And all of us are the work of your hand.*" What this metaphor is saying, God is the potter (in control) who shapes and molds his children by his own design and image. Jesus often used metaphors to describe something about himself. Like for example John 8:12, "*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'*" In this metaphor Jesus refers to himself as '*light of the world*' what this means is that he is our salvation. Metaphors are very important because it helps us to connect with one another.