

5. Read Luke 3:23-38. Where do you see similarities and differences between Matthew's genealogy and Luke's genealogy? (For additional insight, listen to podcast episode 0012 of the 10 Minute Bible Hour.)

6. The Christmas season makes us think of our families and that can fill us with anxiety or even dread. How does the genealogical family of Jesus give you hope for your family?

7. Who's one person far from God that you are praying for this Advent season?

Advent

"The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah"
Matthew 1:1-17

The Genealogy

1. The genealogy is an _____.

2 Samuel 7:¹¹⁻¹³ "The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

"I am one in whom Christ dwells and delights. I live in the unshakeable kingdom of God. The kingdom is not in trouble, and neither am I." - James Bryan Smith

2. The genealogy is a _____.

"Matthew opens the New Testament by setting the local story of Jesus in its world historical context. He makes sure that as we read his account of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we see the connections with everything that has gone before. 'Fulfilled' is one of Matthew's characteristic verbs: such and such happened 'that it might be fulfilled.' " - Eugene Peterson

Genesis 22 :¹⁸ "And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

3. The genealogy is a _____.

“There is no pit so deep, that God's love is not deeper still.” - Corrie Ten Boom

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Where have you seen a connection in Scripture that made you go “wow!”?

3. The word “kingdom” is used in Matthew almost 60 times. Knowing Jesus emphasizes ‘kingdom’ this much, how does that shape your view of living in the kingdom of God?

4. How have you experienced the gospel as good news versus good advice?