



Welcome + Opening Prayer

THEMATIC OVERVIEW

What Jesus' genealogy tells us about the gospel of Jesus Christ— it's not advice, it's news.

Matthew 1:1-17

See passage printed on the back of this page.

Explore + Apply

1. What is something you want to remember from worship this week?
2. What is something you want to do (or do differently) because of worship this week?
3. As we begin this exploration of Matthew's gospel account of Jesus, do you tend to receive the gospel account of Jesus as advice or news? What does it mean to you that women and people who were considered outsiders— especially during Jesus' time— and people with great moral failures are included in Jesus genealogy? What does this tell you about how Jesus values you and in turn, shape your values?

PRAYER GUIDELINES

In prayer, we ask God to transform us and the world with His grace.

Pray

- *“For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.”* (Hebrews 2:11) Praise God that though we are all unfit to go into the presence of God, Jesus has made it possible for us to become his brothers and sisters.
- Pray and listen: The stories and people represented in Jesus' genealogy reveal God's value for mercy. Is God's value for mercy reflected in our values as a church community? Do you value what God values? How does this genealogy invite us to rest in what Christ has done to prove us, rather than feeling the need to prove ourselves?
- Imagine West Seattle, greater Seattle, our country, and the world shaped by the radical mercy and freedom of Jesus Christ. Pray God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

GROUP SCHEDULE - SPRING

Next Meeting: week of Feb 23

LENT

*Ash Wednesday @ the Loft:
Drop in from 8-9a; 5:30-7p*

Home Groups are a vital part of shared life and growth in Christ. Here, we build community, deepen relationships, and discover and live the Christian life together.

Matthew 1:1-17

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.