



Welcome + Opening Prayer

Matthew 1:1-6, 17

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THEMATIC OVERVIEW

Jesus' bloodline demonstrates the radical depth of his love.

Explore + Apply

1. What about this early part of the Christmas story stood out to you or that you may have heard in a fresh way?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus' bloodline includes people with a history of prostitution, incest, adultery, who would have been condemned by the world? What does this demonstrate about the gospel of Jesus Christ? How consistent is this with the understanding of God's grace that you often articulate and live by?
3. Being born in a borrowed bed in Asia and living as a refugee in Africa, God demonstrates in Jesus, even in His early life, a familiarity with people who are foreigners, low income, and on the margins. In contrast, why can it be so easy for us to pay so much of our attention to the opposite: insiders, power brokers, the prestigious? What is offered to us in Jesus Christ that could move us to be more at ease—even outreaching—toward people who are hurting or personally, culturally difficult for us?

PRAYER GUIDELINES

Thanking God for His kindness we ask that the kindness shown in Christ would lead us to repentance.

Pray

- Praise God for His kindness to us
- Pray for one another in your practical struggle to be aware of how God's Spirit is leading you to care or reach out to people who are hurting and/or are difficult for you.
- Pray God's family tree would continue to grow wide with deep roots in our community, city, world.

GROUP SCHEDULE - FALL

*Christmas Party Sunday
December 10 from 7-9:30
@ Dakota Place*

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.

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1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, 4 Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife.

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.