



# The Family Tree of JESUS

## Sermon Based Questions

### Part 1 – In the details

The Christmas story does not begin with Mary or Joseph, it begins with a promise from God traced through the generations. In this three-week series we will examine the Christmas story through the genealogy of Jesus given to us by Matthew. As we study the family tree of Jesus, we discover a faithful God who: invites all to come, redeems our past, and makes the ordinary extraordinary. O come let us adore him.

### Conversation Starters:

- Will you be spending time with your family this Christmas? What are you most excited about, what are you most concerned about as you prepare to gather with your family?
- How much do you know about your own family tree?

### Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you from the message this week?

Read **Matthew 1:1**

2. Jesus is not an add on - he is the fulfillment of God's promises. Why does this matter?
3. In what ways will we be tempted to simply add Jesus to our lives rather than making him the center of our story?

Read **Gen 49:10, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14,**

4. The Christmas story demonstrates that God is at work in every detail of human history. How is it helpful to know that God is at work in every aspect of your life?
5. Matthew specifically includes 4 names in his genealogy that usually would not usually be listed: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Wife of Uriah. Had you ever noticed this before? Based on the message, what is Matthew trying to point out to us, and why does it matter?

**Outsiders** are included in the Christmas story because the Christmas story is for **outsiders**.

6. Matthew wants his readers to know that God includes (and has included) people in his kingdom that we would not expect. Is there someone you could invite to a Christmas service this year? Could this Christmas be an opportunity for you to share the good news of Jesus with someone in your life?
7. Pray together