

THE CHRIST

DISCUSSION GUIDE / 09.08.2019 / SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, CH 1—4 / WK 1

START THE CONVERSATION

REVIEW THIS WEEK'S SERMON. SHARE YOUR FAVORITE PART, POINTS YOU RELATED TO MOST, OR QUESTIONS WITH THE GROUP.

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED? HOW DID YOU RESPOND?

GROUPS ARE A PLACE FOR YOU TO GROW FAITH AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS. HOW ARE YOU HOPING TO GROW THIS FALL AT THIS LIFE GROUP?

READ MATTHEW 1—4 TOGETHER AS A GROUP. AS YOU READ, MAKE NOTE OF ANY KEY PHRASES THAT STAND OUT OR ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARISE. THEN, USE THE QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES BELOW FOR GROUP DISCUSSION.

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WHAT ARE SOME REASONS MATTHEW STARTED HIS GOSPEL WITH A GENEALOGY? WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS?

MATT 1:1

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WHO WERE ABRAHAM AND DAVID, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT JESUS WAS IN THEIR FAMILY LINE?

*GEN 15:1-21
2 SAM 7:1-17
MATT 1:2, 6*

3

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OT PROPHECIES JESUS FULFILLS IN MATTHEW 1—4? HOW DOES THIS GROW YOUR TRUST IN THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE? IN JESUS?

*MATT 1:23
2 MATT 2:6, 15
MATT 4:15*

4

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND WHAT WAS HIS ROLE IN RELATION TO JESUS? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM HIM?

*MATT 3:1-15
ISA 40:3*

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WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT JESUS' TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS? WHAT DOES HIS VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION MEAN FOR US?

*MATT 4:1-11
HEB 2:17-18
HEB 4:14-16*

RESPOND + PRAY

+HOW IS THE COMING OF JESUS GOOD NEWS FOR YOU TODAY?

+WHAT IS MATTHEW 1—4 CALLING YOU TO BELIEVE ABOUT THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD?

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WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A SERIES HANDOUT TO HELP YOU IN YOUR STUDY OF MATTHEW.

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