

Lesson 1

Christ's Genealogy | [Matthew 1:1-17](#)

START MEETING

- When you were a child, what did you like best about your grandparents? What is your most vivid memory of any great-grandparents?
- What do you know about your genealogy? What would you like to discover about it?

READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

1. What title does Matthew assign Jesus in verse 1 and 16?
2. Matthew began his book with Jesus' genealogy. Why might he have done so?
3. Which people do you recognise in this genealogy? What do you remember about each of these people? Which people on the list are most significant in establishing who Jesus is?
4. From the promises to Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3; 17:6-8), why is it significant that Jesus is Abraham's son (Galatians 3:16-18)?
5. From 2 Samuel 7:11-16, why is it significant that Jesus is David's son as well? Of what does that assure us?
6. What pattern do you see in the way Matthew organized the names in his list?

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Matthew's genealogy upholds God's faithfulness and the undeserved grace He pours out on sinful people.

STUDY GUIDE

LISTEN

Listen to this passage's sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

7. Give the background of each woman Matthew mentions in Jesus' genealogy.
 - o Tamar - Genesis 38
 - o Rahab - Joshua 2; 6:17
 - o Ruth - Ruth 1; 4:13-17
 - o "Wife of Uriah" - 2 Samuel 11; 12:15, 18, 24
 - o Mary - Luke 1:26-56

8. Why do you think include these particular women were named when it was not the Jewish custom to include women's names in genealogies?

CLOSE MEETING

- Who are the significant people in your spiritual upbringing? What has been passed on to you spiritually from your forebears? What do you know about the ways your ancestors exercised their faith?

- What does it mean to you that God's promises are trustworthy over the generations?

- How have you experienced God's grace - blessings you do not deserve?

- Do you know that we could be part of Jesus' family tree? How can you be joined to His family tree?

Reference:

1. Bible Study Fellowship notes on Matthew
2. Serendipity Bible, New International Version