

HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS

Week 3

BRBC Groups

December 12, 2021

Scripture | Matthew 1:1-17

Ice Breaker |

1. Growing up, who was your favourite relative? Why?
2. When you think of the story of Jesus' birth, what elements immediately come to mind? What mood does it put you in? What questions come to mind?

Going Deeper |

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. Read Matthew 1:1-17.
3. When you come to genealogies in the bible, is it something you tend to skip over or read them thoroughly?
4. What titles does Matthew assign Jesus? What is the significance of each?
5. What names are familiar to you from this list? What do you remember about them?
6. Matthew's genealogy is broken into three sections; what do you think is the significance of this?
7. Why do you think Matthew included women when it was not custom to do so in Jewish genealogies at the time?
8. Some of the people mentioned in this genealogy did things that would have been the opposite of God's desire for them. Why do you think Matthew included people known to have been sinful in action, as well as unclean in their lineage as gentiles?
9. When you think about your own family of origin and your experiences, would you say your life has been blemish-free? What significance do you personally feel that Jesus' genealogy is filled with questionable people and blemishes as it relates to your personal and family history?
10. Part of the importance of this genealogy for us is that it demonstrates God's faithfulness to keep His promises through generations. What does it mean to you that God is trustworthy to keep His promises over generations?