

“Christmas Family Guest List”

Matthew 1:1-17

What does Jesus want us to do with our “little light” _____” in the presence of our families?
In a word, just be real!

- I. Jesus’ genealogy includes all the people from Abraham to Joseph.

“You are never limited by your family, nor are you guaranteed anything because of them”

- II. Jesus’ genealogy included five women !

“With the birth of Jesus the Messiah, the dawning of salvation has arrived for all regardless of ethnicity, gender, or status. Matthew shows that God can use anyone – however marginalized or despised – to bring about His purposes.” - Michael J. Wilkins

Psalm 51:1-12

- III. Jesus’ genealogy was the foundation of Matthew’s hope !

“While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and “sinners” came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” Matthew 9:10-11

“He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” ⁴⁹Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:48-50

In his detailed, simple genealogy, Matthew reveals that the Savior of the Jews is also the Savior of all humanity!

Small Group Questions

1. In the past, you’ve probably skipped over the genealogy list in Matthew 1. What has today’s study taught you about the importance of these 17 verses in establishing who Jesus came to save?
2. Why do you think Matthew was so determined to have listed all of the characters in the genealogy despite their failures and very questionable character?
3. What does this do for you when it comes to considering your own walk with Christ or worthiness?
4. How does this empower you when you share the gospel of Christ with others who maybe feel outside of a religious background or unworthy to belong to the Kingdom of God?
5. How does this passage reaffirm your confidence in the inspiration of the whole Bible, every detail in the redemptive history that is so essential for us to convey?!