

## **THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS (Matthew 1:1-17)**

**CONNECT**—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, what is something about you that most other people consider weird, but you think is totally normal?

### **DISCUSS**

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

What strikes you about Matthew 1:1-17? Is there something that particularly resonates with you or is particularly confusing to you?

Justin began his sermon by saying that genealogies matter. What is something interesting about your family tree that people in the Life Group might not know about? In what ways has your family tree impacted you?

Why do you think that there is so much sin in Jesus' family tree? How does the presence of that sin make you feel?

Jesus is the true "Son of Abraham" who offers grace to sinners. How would you define grace? How have you experienced grace in your walk with the Lord? Where is it most difficult for you to believe that grace is real?

The Israelites were promised a true king. How do you think they felt when they had generation after generation of bad kings? Describe a time when you have felt hopeless. What are some ways that Jesus brings hope?

If you were taken into exile tomorrow, what would be some of the things that you would be feeling? How is the imagery of exile true of us spiritually?

The point of verse 17 is that Jesus came at just the right time historically. How is Matthew's presentation of these truths about Jesus a bigger picture of Jesus than we often realize?

What are some ways that you can worship Jesus practically this week?

**RELATE**—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week?

### **IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)**

Have everyone write down one person or one family that they are going to invite to Christmas Eve services.