This Week's Passage: Matthew 1:1-17 Corresponding Sermon from King's Church: "The Genealogy of Jesus"

Opening Discussion

- I. Read this week's passage together.
- 2. Discuss as a group how this passage fits within the context of the book of Matthew and/or scripture as a whole.
- 3. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
- 4. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

Going Deeper

- 1. The kingdom of God is an overarching theme of the book of Matthew. In Matthew 1:1 we are beckoned to see Jesus as the true King in three unique ways. Look up the following verses and discuss what the three titles given to Jesus mean *for us today*. How have these promises *already* been ultimately fulfilled by Jesus? How are we *still waiting* for them to by fulfilled?
 - A. "Son of Abraham" (Genesis 12: 1-3; 15:4; 17:4-8)

B. "Son of David" (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

C. "Christ" (Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12)

2. From these three titles given to Jesus in Matthew 1:1, what would you say was Jesus' main goal in coming to earth and taking on human flesh? What should be your response to his mission?

3. The Bible tells us that all of the promises of God find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Think about the promises made to Abraham and to David. Read Galatians 3:27-29 and Ephesians 3:6 together and discuss their implications as we consider how we view ourselves as those united to Christ.

4. Walk through the various names of people listed in Jesus' genealogy. Of the people you know something about, discuss their various triumphs and failures. What can you learn about the heart of our God from the people he predestined to be a part of Jesus' family lineage. What does this mean *for you*?

Prayer Points

- 1. Spend time in prayer worshipping the Lord for fulfilling his promises to Abraham and David through Jesus.
- 2. What areas of your life are you not submitting to Jesus' kingship right now? Share these struggles with your prayer group and pray for one another.
- 3. Think about the people in your life who may need to hear the good news of the gospel. Pray together for opportunities to share Jesus with them and for their hearts to be open.