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GROUP GUIDE

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5 - WEEK GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



WEEK I

INTRO THROUGH DAY 5

Matthew's genealogy indicates a new beginning - or, new "Genesis" - in Christ (Day 2). What changed with the coming of Christ? Did His coming indicate the end of anything? What is made new in the coming of Jesus?

Why is it significant that the first person God calls into His family is Abraham? Why might it also be significant that the first call of God on Abraham's life is a call to obey in a substantial way? (Day 4)

Share a time God called to you to something. Did you obey or disobey? Is there anything God is calling you to now that you can share with the group?

Pray together.

WEEK 2

DAY 6 THROUGH 10

Name a time in your own life when disbelief in God's goodness has followed right on the heels of an act of faith? (If you feel comfortable, share your answer from Day 6)

In what ways have you been tempted to believe that God's faithfulness is dependent on your own? In what areas of your life can you preach yourself the truth that God will always be faithful to His promises, even when you are faithless?

Can you identify with Sarah? If so, how? Why do you think Sarah and Abraham are included in the family tree of Christ?

Pray together.



WEEK 3

DAY 11 THROUGH 15

Is it meaningful to you that God included women in the family tree of Christ? Why? What does this teach you about God's character?

Why aspects of God's character are on display in Tamar and Judah's story? Why do you think this story is included in the Bible? Why do you think Tamar and Judah are included in the family tree of Christ?

Why aspects of God's character are on display in Rahab's story? Why do you think Rahab is included in the family tree of Christ?

Pray together.



WEEK 4

DAY 16 THROUGH 20

What is significant about God choosing David (rather than his brothers) to be Israel's next king? What does this tell us about God's character?

David acts wickedly in 2 Samuel 11. Yet, God is faithful to keep His promises and send the ultimate King. How does this narrative reflect the Gospel?

Why do you think David and Bathsheba are included in the family tree of Christ?

Pray together.

WEEK 5

DAY 20 THROUGH 25

Boaz is called a Kinsman Redeemer in the book of Ruth. How does he reflect the character and work of Christ? Why do you think Boaz and Ruth are included in the family tree of Christ?

What are some ordinary tasks of faith God is calling you to these days? (If you feel comfortable, share your answer from Day 21)

Joseph and Mary both display astonishing faith as they walk in obedience to what God has called them to. What stands out to you most about Joseph's story? About Mary's story?

In the coming of Jesus we have God with us ("Emanuel"). In the grand scheme of Old Testament history, what is significant about this?

What does it mean to you that you have been grafted into the family tree of God? What does this teach you about your ability to graft yourself in? What does this teach you about your place in the family of God?

Pray together.