



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – UNLIKELY FAMILY

¹This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, ⁷Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, ⁸Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, ⁹Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

¹²After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, ¹⁵Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

Matthew 1:1-17 NIV

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- 1. If you are willing to share, tell of some interesting (crazy) people in your family tree.
- 2. What do you think of the people included in Jesus' family tree?
- 3. Who are some of the most interesting people that you learned about from Matthew's genealogy of Jesus?
- 4. Why do you think that God included broken people—and even non-God followers—in the family tree of Jesus?
- 5. Why is Jesus the only hope of human history?
- 6. How should this affect your life today?
- 7. Why is it helpful and faith-building for us to realize that God uses messed up people to accomplish His plan?
- 8. How does the family history of Jesus reinforce that God is faithful, that He keeps His promises, and that you can trust Him?
- 9. How does this genealogy reveal that Jesus is more than a myth or a legend?
- 10. If Jesus is a real person, what must you (and others) decide to do with Him?
- 11. How can the truth of Jesus' unlikely family encourage you this Christmas?