

## THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 1:1-17

Key Verse: 1:1

1. Read verse 1. Who are these three men and why are they mentioned in this order? What does this tell us about the genealogy? About Jesus?
2. Read verse 17. What are the three time periods which are covered by the genealogy? What do you know about each?
3. Read again verses 1-6a. What was God's promise to Abraham? (Ge 12:2; 17:5-7) How did he fulfill this promise? Who were the patriarchs and how did they share Abraham's faith? (Heb 11:8-9)
4. Who are the three women mentioned in this first period? What do they have in common and how did each show courageous faith, overcoming a tragic fate? (Ge 38:14,25-26; Joshua 2:8-11; [Heb 11:31]; Ruth 1:16-17)
5. Read verses 6b-11. What do these men have in common? What do they teach us about the history of Israel? What do you know about each of these kings? What is the tragedy that brought the nation to an end as an independent nation? Why did this happen? Who is the fourth woman and what role did she play? (2 Sam 12; 1 Ki 1)
6. Read verses 12-16. What was the situation of God's people during this time? How might this turn people's hearts to God and to his promises? Who was Zerubbabel? (Ezra 1) Who is the fifth woman and how did she show courageous faith? Who was Joseph and why is he included in Jesus' genealogy?
7. How does this genealogy reveal God's grace and God's faithfulness? What does it show about his redemptive history? What does it show about Jesus?