



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

June 13, 2010

Matthew's Gospel: The King and His Kingdom

Read Matthew 1.1-17

1. What does the book of Matthew reveal Christ as (1.1)?
2. With what does Matthew begin his Gospel so as to prove that Christ has the right to reign as the awaited King (1.1-16)?
3. Where in the Bible is the other genealogy of Jesus recorded? What are the two main differences between the two genealogies? [Hint: One is a bloodline, while the other is a royal line.]
4. In spite of the fact that Jesus had no natural father, why did he still have the right to reign according to that which belonged to David? Why is Joseph identified as the husband of Mary and not as the father of Jesus?
5. Though Jesus was in the line of David through Joseph, why would He have been unable to reign? How did God bypass the cursed bloodline of Jeconiah and still retain Jesus' royal right to reign?
6. What theme runs through the Messianic genealogy?
7. What is unusual and intriguing about the five women mentioned in the genealogy?
8. Are you desensitized to God's grace? As those who have received it in abundance, it is easy for us to take it for granted, viewing it more as a right, rather than as a blessing. Think back to the instances that God has been especially gracious to you. Even if you remembered to thank Him, did you find that you soon forgot His goodness? Spend some time listing as many things as possible that you can thank God for...past, present, or future.

Pray