

Thornbury Baptist Church
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: September 1st 2024

Talk title: 'Is Jesus Worth It?'

Passage: Matthew 1:1-17

Speaker: David Lawrence

Discussion Questions

In the talk David unpacked how Matthew's genealogy identifies Jesus with major characters and themes in the Old Testament.

- Adam – Jesus is presented as the 'new Adam'. In Romans 5:12-20 Paul reflects on the similarities and differences between a human race headed by Adam, and one headed by Jesus. What does it mean to people in the group to be in the Jesus family and not the Adam family?
- King David – we often talk and sing about Jesus as *King*. What does that mean to people in the group? How are people's lives different because they view Jesus as their 'king'?
- Abraham – God's promises to Abraham were all about receiving and sharing God's blessing (Gen 12:1-3). In Ephesians 1 we read that God's blessings are fully ours in Jesus (Ephesians 1:3-14). Do the members of the group feel blessed? In what way?
- Welcome – the genealogy lists several people who we might think should not belong in Jesus' genealogy. How do we make sure – individually and as a church – that our welcome is as broad as God's?
- Exile – Jesus brings about the end of Israel's long exile. Have members of the group ever felt as though they were 'in exile' from God. What caused that and what did it feel like? How can knowing Jesus bring about the end of exile?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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