



YOUR PAST ISN'T YOUR FUTURE.

Matthew 1:1-17

Christmas Lessons:

1. Don't mistake God's silence for His _____.

2. God sent Jesus for _____:

Jesus: _____.

Christ: " _____ " or "Anointed One"

These two lineage connections are important because they show God _____.

3. Your past doesn't have to determine your _____.

More than anything, God wants you to have a fresh start in your relationship with Him. No matter where you are, no matter what you've done.

There is no one so bad that God can't save them, no one is so good that they don't need to be saved.

Would you give God your messes, you sins, and receive His forgiveness and leadership in your life?



1. What do you know about your ancestors? Did you meet your great-grandparents? Share a special memory of one of your extended family members.

Read Matthew 1:1-17

2. What significance do you find in the fact that Jesus' lineage as recorded by Matthew is traced back to Abraham? (and not Adam, as in Luke 3:23-38)

3. Which people do you recognize in Jesus' genealogy? How are these people significant in establishing who Jesus is? Do any of the names/backgrounds mentioned surprise you?

3. How do the members of Jesus' family tree make you feel about your own family?

4. What promise did God make to Abraham? (Genesis 12:1-4) To David? (2 Samuel 7:8-16) How did He fulfill these promises?

5. Knowing that God fulfilled His great promises to both Abraham and David, how does this make you feel about His promises to you? What Scriptural promises do you cherish?

6. The people of Israel didn't hear from God for 400 years. Do you feel like God is silent about something in your life? How can we best respond to His silence?

7. As much of the church worlds reflects on Advent, and this second Sunday of Advent where the Hope candle is lit, what does knowing your past is not your future do for you? How can you share that with others?

8. How does the reassurance that God's promises are trustworthy over the generations impact your walk with Him?