

# Life Group Questions

## Getting Started

1. Who's the most interesting ancestor in your genealogy?

## Sermon

2. Four hundred years pass between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New, and the New Testament begins with a genealogy. Why do you think God (and Matthew) begins the New Testament with the genealogy of his son?

## Scripture

3. Matthew's genealogy is broken into three sections (Matthew 1:1, 17). What point about the coming of Jesus is each of these emphasizing?

- the son of Abraham
  
- the son of David
  
- the deportation to Babylon

4. Browse over the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:2-16 and pick out a couple names you find interesting. Explain why you chose those names.

## Study

Read Matthew 2:1-11

5. People respond differently, depending on who they are and what's important to them. Explain how and why each of the following responded the way they did:

- Herod (v 3)
  
- The wise men (vv 10-11)

6. Describe some of the ways people respond to Jesus nowadays, and explain why they respond the way they do.

- Do some people still respond with fear? If so, why? If not, why not?

## Taking It Home

7. Do you respond the way the wise men responded when encountering Jesus? Give yourself a grade on each of the following (and explain):

- rejoicing exceedingly with great joy
  
- falling down and worshiping
  
- opening my treasure chest

8. Jesus is both Savior (son of Abraham) and King (son of David). What's the difference and why are both important?

- Describe ways in which Jesus being King is displayed in the way you live and the decisions you make.

### Prayer

How can your Life Group be praying for you this week?

Prayers for Rolling Hills:

- Our church finances
- We will use this season of Christmas to invite many of our friends and neighbors to Sunday mornings and our events

### Announcements

- Women's Christmas Party, Friday, December 8, 6:30pm
- Men's Breakfast, Saturday, December 9, 8:00am
- MOPS Holiday Boutique, Saturday, December 9, 9:00am-1:00pm



### The King is Born

Matthew 1:1-17  
Sermon Notes

Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_, son of Abraham

Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_, son of David

The Jewish Messiah is the \_\_\_\_\_ Savior