

Specific Questions: Text: Matthew 1:1-17

1. Have you ever researched your family tree? Is there anyone you want to 'brag' about? (set a time limit 🕒)
2. Have you ever wished you had a different ancestry? In what way?
3. What is the difference between the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, and John's? What does each help us understand?
4. Certain facts about Jesus are hidden (like a present wrapped up in paper). Which one is most interesting to you?
5. Have you ever thought of being in Jesus' family tree? How does that reality shape the way you think of yourself, and the way you live?
6. Jesus' reputation was not tarnished by his ancestry. How does your relationship with Him shape your view of your ancestors? Why?
7. If Jesus were not a descendant of David or Abraham, what difference would that make? Why?

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?