

ADVENT 2016

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 17:3-8, 2 Samuel 7:12-16.
2. What promises did God make to Abraham and to David?
How do their offspring/descendants play into these promises?
3. Read Matthew 1:1.
4. What is the significance of Jesus being the Son of Abraham?
How does Jesus fulfill God's promises to Abraham?
5. What is the significance of Jesus as the Son of David?
How does Jesus fulfill God's promises to David?
6. Read Matthew 1:2-6.
7. Who are the four women that Matthew includes in the genealogy?
Why do you think he does this?
What do they have in common?
Do they have anything in common with Mary (v 16)?
8. Read Matthew 1:11-12.
9. After the Babylonian exile, the Jewish people were allowed to go back to Israel and rebuild, but things were never the same again. What promises to Abraham and David seemed to have failed in this third section of the genealogy?
What did the Jewish people expect the Messiah to do?
What did Jesus do (Matt 1:21)?
10. Christmas means that Jesus came to bless the world, reign forever, and free us from our sins. What distracts you from these truths at Christmas?
How will you focus on these truths this Christmas?