COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 7-8, 2026

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *Growing together as disciples who follow Jesus, are being changed by Jesus, and who join Jesus in making more disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: Have you explored your family tree? What do you know about your family's history?

SET THE STAGE: Matthew begins his Gospel by showing that Jesus is the promised Messiah. But Jesus' family tree isn't what we might expect. It's filled with ordinary, imperfect people and some complicated stories. Through it all, we see God's faithfulness and grace.

READ THE PASSAGE: *Matthew 1:1-17 (Because this passage includes a lot of Hebrew names, you could listen to it in the audio version of the Bible App.)*

HEAD QUESTIONS

- Matthew mentions David and Abraham at the beginning of his genealogy. What promises had God made to these men? (See Genesis 12:1–3 and 2 Samuel 7:8, 16-17.)
- What do you notice about the people God included in Jesus' family tree? In what ways does this list reveal His grace?
- Verse 17 divides the genealogy into three periods. What does this long history help us see about God's faithfulness?

HEART QUESTIONS

- God kept His promises to David and Abraham by sending Jesus. What does that tell you about His heart toward us?
- What does this family history help you understand about God's grace toward you?

HANDS QUESTIONS

- Is there an area of your life where you would like to grow in trusting God's faithfulness?
- Who might benefit from hearing your own story of God's grace?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER