



ENGAGE

Break the Ice: (The purpose of these first questions is to help your group open up. Please don't feel like you have to ask each question. You may even have a better question. Once you feel that the group is engaged, move on to the "Inspire" section.)

- When you were a child, what did you like best about your grandparents?
- What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for God's Spirit to speak to your group through His Word.

INSPIRE

(Since the group may need time to process each question, don't let silence scare you. Try to avoid filling the space with unnecessary explanation or moving on from the question too quickly.)

1. Matthew gives Jesus the title of "Christ" in verses 1 and 16.
 - What is the meaning of this title?
2. Luke's genealogy of Jesus (Lk 3:23-38) goes through Mary's lineage all the way back to Adam to emphasize the universality of the gospel. What does Matthew's account of Jesus' lineage say to Matthew's Jewish audience?
3. What do you know about Abraham and David?
4. Read the promises that God gave to Abraham (Gen. 12:2-3; 17:6-8; 22:15-18).
 - Why is it significant that Jesus is Abraham's son (Gal 3:16-18)?
5. From 2 Samuel 7:11b-16, why is it significant that Jesus is David's son? Of what does this assure us?
6. Phil pointed out that through Abraham, God promised a sacrifice (Savior), and through David, God promised a King (Lord).
 - What does Jesus' sacrifice say about his Kingship?
 - What does it mean to you that Jesus is both Savior and Lord of your life?
7. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Do you think this prophecy speaks more to our current dispensation (day) or the future kingdom of heaven?



EQUIP

(These questions will challenge your group members to apply the study to their daily lives. It is highly important that you go over this section with your group each week for the group study to be a success. Set aside 15-20 minutes at the end of your study to go over this section.)

1. What does it mean to you that God's promises are trustworthy over the generations?
2. At what point in your life have you most felt Jesus' presence?
3. Who are the people in your spiritual upbringing?
4. What has been passed on to you spiritually from your forbearers?

Prayer:

Take some time to pray for one another. Give thanks for those who have led you in faith.

Equip Your Mind:

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6