

Family Tree Small Group Study Questions

Opening Question:

- If you could choose any famous person from history to be part of your family tree, who would it be and why?

General Observation:

- What stood out to you most from the sermon about Jesus' genealogy?

- Which of the "ordinary people" mentioned in the sermon (like David, Ruth, or Jorge the custodian) did you find most inspiring or relatable? Why?

Understanding the Message:

- The pastor mentioned that God uses every generation. How did he break down the 42 generations leading up to Jesus? What was significant about each group of 14?

- How did the sermon explain God's redemption of failures in Jesus' family line? Can you give an example?

- What does it mean that God "includes the outsider or the broken" in Jesus' genealogy? Who were some examples given?

Personal Application:

- The sermon emphasized that God uses "ordinary people to do extraordinary things." In what ways do you see yourself as ordinary? How might God want to use you?

- Have you ever felt defined by a past failure or something that was done to you? How does Jesus' story of redemption speak to that?

- The pastor shared about Jorge praying over the bathroom. What are some "mundane" areas of your life where you could be more intentional about serving God?

Action Steps:

- This week, choose one "ordinary" task or responsibility and approach it as an act of worship to God. How might this change your perspective?

- Is there a past failure or hurt you need to release to God? Take time this week to pray, asking God to help you see yourself as He sees you - forgiven and valuable.

- Identify someone in your life who might feel like an "outsider." How can you intentionally include or encourage them this week?

Sample Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for including ordinary people like us in Your extraordinary plan. We're grateful that through Jesus, You've made a way for us to be part of Your family. Help us to see ourselves and others as You see us - not defined by our failures or circumstances, but by Your love and purpose for us. Give us the courage to be faithful in the everyday moments, knowing that You can use even the most mundane tasks for Your glory. As we approach Christmas, remind us of the incredible gift of Your Son entering our story. May we live in a way that invites others into Your family too. In Jesus' name, Amen."