

A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew
September 1 - July 14 - August 7:00 p.m. in Room 6 and Zoom

WEEK TWO – “The Family Album” (Matthew 1:1-17)

This week’s session includes homework (see #7)!

1. What is the most surprising thing you’ve discovered upon hearing or reading about your genealogy?
2. What are some features about Jesus’ genealogy in Matthew’s gospel?
3. Drawing from what we learned when we studied the history of Israel’s monarchy (Kings – Samuel) are there any familiar names in Jesus’ genealogy?
4. What might the inclusion of women in the genealogy have to say what the author(s) think about Jesus’ life and ministry?
5. Neither Mark nor John make use of a genealogy or a birth narrative. Why even include this genealogy in Matthew’s gospel?
6. How do we participate in God’s purpose to bless all nations? How do God’s purposes shape and challenge our lives?
7. Create your own faith “genealogy.” Include family, friends and other persons who have influenced you in your faith journey. List some of your faith “descendants” – those to whom you have taught the faith? How have your “ancestors” worked with God’s purpose for you? What do you hope that your “descendants” will do to carry on God’s purpose for their lives?