

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 3, 2006

Passage: Matthew 1:1-17

Memory Passage: Luke 1:32-33

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Matthew 1:1-17.** How does Matthew begin his gospel? Why are these two titles important (Genesis 22:17-18; 1 Kings 2:45)?

(b) What is the significance of Jesus as the “son of David?” Consider the following verses: 2 Samuel 7:11-16; Psalm 89:3; Psalm 132:11.

(c) What is said about Jesus being the Son of David in the New Testament (Matthew 12:17-23; 20:31-34; 21:15-16)?

(d) What is the significance of Jesus being the “Son of Abraham” (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18; and Gal 3:16)?

(e) What does Paul say about Jesus as the Son of David in Romans 1:3? Why is it essential that Jesus be the Son of David?

(f) *Family:* Read Matthew 1:1 and 12:17-23. What do these passages tell us about who Jesus was? Why is it important that he be the Son of David? What does it mean that he will not “break a bruised reed” or “quench a smoking wick?” How were his miracles proof of who he was? Spend some time thanking Jesus for His gentleness and for his heart of care and compassion. Pray that others might know his love this Christmas season.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Matthew 1:1-17 again.** What four women are included in this genealogy? Why is it significant that *women* were included?

(b) Why is it significant that *these* women are included? See Gen. 38:6-24; Joshua 2; Ruth 1:16; Ruth 4:21-22; 2 Samuel 11:2-5.

(c) What does this tell you about the grace of God in the coming of Jesus?

(d) Read John 1:14-18. What does John tell us about *who* Jesus is? How is his coming and ministry *different* from that of Moses?

(e) What does 2 Corinthians 8:9 say about the grace of the Lord Jesus? How is the incarnation about the grace of God (also Philippians 2:5-11)?

(f) *Family:* Read John 1:14-18. Discuss the grace of God together. What is grace and why is it essential for us? How does the coming of Jesus change the emphasis upon grace? Why is Christmas really all about God’s grace? Spend some time thanking God for His grace to us in Christ.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Luke 1:26-33.** What does the angel tell Mary is going to happen to her?

(b) What does the angel say about the child she will bear? Whose son is he (Luke 1:32-33; note the *two* titles given to him)?

(c) In Luke 1:46-55, what did Mary say about this child? What will he do? Whose *seed* is he?

(d) Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What titles are found in verse 6 that indicate deity? What does this prophecy say about his kingdom?

(e) What does Hebrews 1:8 tell us about the reign and the kingdom of Jesus? Who will establish this kingdom?

(f) *Family:* Read Luke 1:26-33 and Isaiah 9:6-7. Discuss the kingdom of God and the reign of Christ. What prophecies were made regarding God’s kingdom? What kind of a rule will Jesus have? What evidences of his reign are seen in his life and ministry? In the “Lord’s Prayer,” what did Jesus instruct His disciples to pray about the kingdom of God? Take a few minutes to thank God for His kingdom and pray that His kingdom would come, and His will would be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Matthew 22:15-40.** What was the first question used to trap Jesus? What is the proper attitude toward government (Romans 13:7)? How does our attitude toward government reflect our attitude toward God’s rule in our lives (Romans 13:1-6)?

(b) What is the second question used to trap Jesus? Who asks this question (Acts 23:6-8)? How did Jesus answer their question? What is the final question they asked him? How does the love of God and the love of others go together (1 John 4:20-21)?

(c) What question does Jesus ask them (Matthew 22:42-46)? Why was this such an important question (Jeremiah 23:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23-24)?

(d) How did Jesus answer them? What did this tell them about *who* the Messiah had to be? How can Jesus be the one to fulfill this prophecy?

(e) What issue caused some to believe that Jesus could not be the Messiah (John 7:41-43)? How were these essential prophecies fulfilled in the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-4)?

(f) *Family:* Read Matthew 22:42-46 and John 7:41-43. Talk about how God fulfilled the prophecy about the Son of David being Lord. Why is prophecy so important in verifying who Jesus is? Why is it important that he be the Son of David? What does Psalm 110:1 tell us about the Son of David? Pray that the eyes of many would be opened to see who Jesus is this Christmas.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Mark 10:45-52.** Why did Jesus say that the Son of Man came to earth? What is the real reason we celebrate the incarnation?
- (b) When the blind man heard that Jesus was approaching, who did he call out to? What did he call Jesus?
- (c) What happened to Bartimaeus? What was his response to what Jesus had done for him (Mark 10:52)?
- (d) What does Romans 10:9-13 remind us about the importance of calling upon the Lord for salvation? What is God's promise to all who call upon Him (Romans 10:11, 13)?
- (e) Why is evangelism important according to Romans 10:14-17?
- (f) *Family:* Read Mark 10:45-52 and Romans 10:13-17. Talk about sharing the gospel. Why is it essential that we share this good news with others? What response must a person make to be saved? Pray together for someone that needs to know Christ.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Matthew 22:42-46 and Isaiah 9:6-7. Why is it essential that Jesus be the Son of David? What does it mean for Him to be the Son of David? Many of those who were healed in the gospels called upon Jesus as the Son of David. Why must a person "call" to be saved (Romans 10:9-13)? Pray for your worship services tomorrow, that Christ might be lifted up and that some might call upon the Son of David to have mercy on them.

DATE: December 3, 2006**PASSAGE:** Matthew 1:1-17***The Son of David***

"And the Lord God will give him the throne of His father, David...and of his kingdom there will be no end!"