

The Gospel of **Matthew**

Session 1



These notes have been put together to be used in Life Groups alongside the Sunday teaching at Wavertree. This week we are looking at the story we have to tell.

Matthew 1:22

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:

We all have a story to tell...

Matthew is telling the story of Jesus to a Jewish audience. He emphasises who Jesus' ancestors were, how his early life fulfilled many prophecies, and how he was, like Moses before him, bringing freedom to the Jewish people.

What makes Jesus good news to you and your friends?

PEACE, FREEDOM, HEALING, FORGIVENESS, SALVATION, COMFORT, STRENGTH, WISDOM, HOPE, FAMILY..... Why is Jesus good news today?

REFLECTION: 10 minutes

Have a think about some of your favourite verses and in what ways they remind you about the good news of Jesus.

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DISCUSSION: 40+ minutes

How familiar are you with sharing your story? It's really helpful to be comfortable sharing stories of what God has done in your life.

This week take time to share your stories as a group encouraging one another with testimony of what God has done in your lives. Think about what you want to share:

- The story of how you came to faith
- A time God has spoken clearly to you
- A time God has provided for you
- A healing
- A miraculous breakthrough in a situation.

Whatever story you share, practice including 1 - what you were like before, 2- what God did, 3 - how the situation changed.

PRAYER: 10 minutes

Pray that this week you each have the opportunity to share a story about what Jesus has done in your life with someone who does not know him.

Pray about whether there is someone you could invite to Alpha

1:30pm Tuesdays, starting 13th January

7:30pm Wednesdays, starting 14th January

