

## **WOMEN OF CHRISTMAS – TAMAR**

### **GENESIS 38**

**11/23/25**

#### **I. GENEALOGIES**

- A. Matthew – Abraham to Jesus**
- B. Luke – Jesus to Adam**
- C. Oddity of women in Jesus' genealogy**

#### **II. JUDAH AND TAMAR**

- A. Decline of the family (v. 1-6)**
  - 1. Judah leaves his family
  - 2. Judah marries a Canaanite woman
  - 3. His children are wicked
- B. Abuse of Levirate marriage (v. 7-11)**
  - 1. Onan's selfishness - Pleasure
  - 2. Judah's selfishness – Preservation
- C. Tamar's Justice (v.12-23)**
  - 1. Goal = to secure a child
- D. Revelation (v.24-26)**
  - 1. "She is more righteous than I"
  - 2. His brokenness is revealed

#### **III. WHY IS THIS HIGHLIGHTED?**

- A. God works in brokenness**
  - 1. We are all broken in our sin
  - 2. God works through our brokenness to heal us
  - 3. Healing he brings is Jesus!

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. How does this account of Judah and Tamar encourage us as we see the brokenness around us? How does it help us rest in God's sovereignty?
3. What is our human reaction to the brokenness that exists in our world? How should we respond as Christians?
4. How has God rescued you from brokenness?
5. What worth does God bring to our lives that we could not gain apart from Him?
6. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, in what ways can we thank God for this past year? Share with the group!
7. Spend some time praying and praising God for his great faithfulness this past year!
8. What is one thing from the group or the message this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you with that?