



THE Early YEARS

Sermon Discussion Questions - September 12 & 14, 2025

Gospel of Matthew - The Early Years

Matthew 1:1-17

Cornerstone Men

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.

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Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

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RightNow Media

Cornerstone provides access to RightNow Media, so if your group would like to use their resources for a study, check out the site!

rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi

Meal for Care Night

Each week, a small group provides dinner for attendees of Care Night, held on Wednesday nights. If your group is interested in serving in this way, email Gayle at gdwright@cornerstone.team.

Ice Breaker: *The Bible isn't just a bunch of random stories—it's one big, connected message of hope.*

- **Q1:** Have you ever studied an entire book of the Bible from start to finish? What was that like for you—what did you enjoy, and what was challenging?
- **Q2:** This series is going to park us in one part of the Bible for a long time. How are you feeling about that? Excited? Nervous? Somewhere in between?

Read Matthew 1:1-17 together. Genealogies can feel a bit dry or confusing, but they're full of meaning if we take a closer look.

- **Q3:** Be honest—when you hit a genealogy in the Bible, what do you usually do? Do you skip it, skim it, or dig in?

- **Q4: From the message this week, what stood out to you about this genealogy? Was there anything surprising or new that caught your attention?**

Matthew shows that God kept His promises across many generations—even through some messy and unexpected stories.

- **Q5: How does seeing God's long-term faithfulness encourage you in a season where you're waiting or unsure of what will happen?**

Matthew also highlights five women in Jesus's family line—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—which was very unexpected for that time.

- **Q6: Why do you think Matthew made a point to include these specific women in the genealogy?**
- **Q7: What's it like for you to realize that Jesus's family tree includes people that were broken, flawed, or outsiders?**

Matthew starts with a mic-drop moment—Jesus is the long-awaited fulfillment of God's covenant promises!

- **Q8: Seeing God's faithfulness across generations—how does that strengthen or shape your faith?**
- **Q9: Is there a promise of God that feels especially relevant for you right now—something He's inviting you to trust Him with more deeply this week?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other and spend some time in prayer together!
Upcoming Scripture for Next Week: Matthew 1:18-25