



WEEK ONE

Dec 3 & 4, 2016

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black sheep, spotless lamb

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who is the most atypical person in your family history? What makes him or her so different from the rest?

2. What does it mean to be the black sheep of a family?

How does someone usually earn the title? Is it in fact earned or given?

3. What does the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-6 say about Jesus? Name as many things as you can.

4. Why did Matthew include such unexpected people as Tamar, Rahab, and Bathsheba in the telling of Jesus's lineage? (Matthew 1:1-6).

5. Why does it matter that Jesus Christ is fully human? (see Hebrews 2:14-18 and 1 Timothy 2:5)

6. Pastor Jared said often we think that the gap we sense between us and God is because we lack the right amount of good behavior to bridge it. Why is good behavior not a player in this?

What do we lack instead?

7. Jesus was willing to empty Himself of his glory and power, become human and live a humble and ordinary life as a servant. What kind of example does that set for how we should live? Be specific.

What kind of example does He set for specifically this time of year?

MEMORIZE: “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we might be called children of God! And that is what we are!” – 1 John 3:1a

CRB CORE VALUE THOUGHT: Consider that in Jesus’s line of ancestors there were imperfect, broken people. How did God use those people to bring about His perfect solution to humanity’s biggest problem? Can or has God used your brokenness to bring about a greater good? How might a perspective change in this area affect your inward relationship to God?