

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of January 16-22, 2022

“MORE THAN WORDS”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What are some of the "resolutions" that you have made for 2022?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Matthew 1:1-17

1. What was your initial reaction when you read the list of names? Which names immediately stood out for you?
2. When you consider God's words to David in 2 Sam 7:12-16, why do you think are God's promises to David still so significant for us today? What do these promises tell us about the character of God?
3. The Old Testament and all of history revolved around a King who would come – Jesus. How could this truth shape the way we view the world? How should it change our desires and values? How should it affect our priorities?
4. Review the call of God to Abraham (Gen 12:1-5) and ponder over the following questions relation to Abraham's call: (a) What did God tell Abraham? (b) What did God promise Abraham? (c) How old was Abraham when was given to him? If you were Abraham, what would you have felt if you heard God saying the same things he said to Abraham to you? How would you respond?
5. Identify the names of the women who are in this list (1:1-17). What characteristics of these women make them stand out? Which among these women can you relate the most?
6. Why is it significant that Jesus' genealogy include moral outcasts and ethnically diverse people? Why is that good news for us?

7. What are some truths that God wants you to learn this week? How should these truths impact you today as a disciple of Christ? As you face the uncertainties of life?

8. NEXT STEPS

- I will trust in God's faithfulness and not fret even in the uncertainties of life.
- I will remember what my identity in Christ is.
- I will seek to respond in worship and serve Christ.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for God's confidence and peace to face the uncertainties of 2022.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

January 17 Matthew 1
January 18 Matthew 2
January 19 Matthew 3
January 20 Matthew 4
January 21 Matthew 5
January 22 Matthew 6
January 23 Matthew 7