

THE CHRISTMAS RÉSUMÉ

Matthew 1.1-17
December 1, 2024

1. Jesus is fact not fable
2. There is no shame in his name
3. Jesus is the Jubilee

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What caught your attention this past Sunday, gave you pause, or created a question you still have?
2. How do stories, myths and fables usually make you feel? Why does the feeling they generate fade?
3. Have you ever considered the relationship between God's story and human stories? Discuss
4. How can the truth of Jesus as an actual historical figure help you in a way no man made story ever could?
5. Why are five women included in Jesus' genealogy? Why does Matthew go out his way to make sure we are aware of the scandalous nature of some of Jesus' ancestors?
6. What does it say to you if Jesus is willing to have incestuous, promiscuous, murderous ancestors prominently displayed? Is there anything you could do to make him unwilling to have you in his family?
7. Matthew is clearly showing Jesus is the king who brings rest. What do you need rest from? How can you give your burdens to him and enter that rest?