**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr, January 15, 2023**

**The Family Of Jesus Christ**

Matthew 1:1-17

**Key Truth**: Jesus’ arrival was the fulfillment of the covenantal promises made to Abraham and King David.

**The Who, What, When and Why:**

1. Historians believe the Apostle Matthew, who was formerly a

 tax collector, wrote this gospel. Matthew 9:9

2. Matthew wrote to make it abundantly clear the identity of

 Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the King of Israel, and the Lord

 of the church.

3. The gospel of Matthew serves as an evangelistic tool to both

 Jews and Gentiles.

 A. To the Jews, Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. Micah 5:2

 B. To the Gentiles, salvation is made possible when we trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Matthew 28:19-20

**What The Genealogy Of Jesus Reveals To Us:**

1. Jewish genealogies were written to establish a person’s

 heritage, inheritance, legitimacy, and rights.

2. The genealogy of Jesus proves He is the legitimate heir to the

 throne of David and the fulfillment of the blessed promise to

 Abraham. 2 Samuel 7:11-16, Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18

3. Jesus’ genealogy is evidence of God’s grace.

 A. Jesus showed through His family tree that He came to save

 “all people” regardless of gender, ethnicity, or background.

4. The genealogy of Jesus reminds us that every sinner has a

 future, and every Christian has a past.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus, the promised Messiah, who loves us unconditionally and gives us the gift of grace, so that we can be a blessing to others.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What do you know about your genealogy? Who is the most interesting person that you know about from your family tree?

What do you know about the ways your ancestors exercised their faith?

Read Matthew 1:1-16: What titles does Matthew assign Jesus in verses 1 and 16? What is the meaning of each title?

What does Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus say to Jewish readers?

Read Matthew 1: 3, 5, and 6 again. Why do you think Matthew included four women in addition to Mary in Jesus’ genealogy, especially since this was not Jewish custom?

Which woman sticks out to you and why?

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-15: What power does your testimony have to inspire others? How can it change others’ opinions of their own past failures?

Read John 1:11-13: What people are given the right to become children of God? What does it mean to be a child of God?

Read Joshua 2:6,14-15: What specific actions did Rahab perform in these verses that demonstrated her faith?