Growth Group Sermon Questions:

Dec. 13, 2020

**Behold!**

**The Kingdom of Heaven**

**Matthew 2**

**The Birth of Jesus**

1. Jesus is the fulfilment of God’s plan to redeem the world. He is the one who would be born of Abraham who would establish God’s people and he is the one who would sit upon David’s throne forever. Jesus is the fufilment of those promises to Abraham and David and is the fufilment of the Messianic prophecies during the period of the exile. All of this is established by Matthew in the geneology of chapter 1.
	1. Read chapter 1:1-17 as a group and see who pronounces those names the best!
	2. Why was it so important for Matthew to start his gospel with this geneology? What is Matthew saying to his audience by dividing the geneology into Abraham generations, David generations, and Exile generations?
	3. Do you think Christians today are aware of the covenant story of Israel and how Jesus fufills those promises God made to his people? Why? Why not? Why is it important that we do know this today?
2. Take some time to look up these OT prophecies of the coming Messiah and discuss how Jesus fufills them.

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| 1. Gen 3:15 | Seed of a woman (virgin birth) | Gal 4:4-5; Matt 1:18 |
| 21. Ex 3:13-15 | The Great “I AM” | John 4:26; 8:58 |
| 49. 2 Sam 7:12 | David’s Seed | Matt 1:1 |
| 50. 2 Sam 7:13 | His Kingdom is everlasting | 2 Pet 1:11 |
| 51. 2 Sam 7:14a | The Son of God | Luke 1:32; Rom 1:3-4 |
| 52. 2 Sam 7:16 | David’s house established forever | Luke 3:31; Rev 22:16 |
| 5. Gen 12:3 | Seed of Abraham will bless all nations | Gal 3:8; Acts 3:25-26 |
| 6. Gen 12:7 | The Promise made to Abraham’s Seed | Gal 3:16 |
| 174. Isa 9:1-2 | His ministry to begin in Galilee | Matt 4:12-17 |
| 175. Isa 9:6 | A child born-Humanity | Luke 1:31 |
| 176. Isa 9:6 | A Son given-Deity | Luke 1:32; John 1:14; 1 Tim 3:16 |
| 177. Isa 9:6 | Declared to be the Son of God with power | Rom 1:3-4 |
| 178. Isa 9:6 | The Wonderful One, Peleh | Luke 4:22 |
| 179. Isa 9:6 | The Counselor, Yaatz | Matt 13:54 |
| 180. Isa 9:6 | The Mighty God, El Gibor | 1 Cor 1:24; Titus 2:3 |
| 181. Isa 9:6 | The Everlasting Father, Avi Adth | John 8:58; 10:30 |
| 182. Isa 9:6 | The Prince of Peace, Sar Shalom | John 16:33 |
| 183. Isa 9:7 | To establish an everlasting kingdom | Luke 1:32-33 |