

Study Guide
Hope
Matthew 1:1-17

1. Why is hope important? What role does hope play in your life? What is the difference between Christian hope and hope devoid of God?

Rom. 5:5- *"and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts..."*

Eph. 2:12- *"...having no hope and without God in the world."*

2. Discuss the importance of the "genealogy" (genesis) of Christ from the following concepts: The birth of Christ ...

a. ...is rooted in history- This is for real.

b. ...reveals a grand story- I'm part of something bigger.

c. ...is rooted in promise (Gen. 22:18 (Abram); 2 Sam. 7:12+ (David); Isa. 7:14 (Exiles))- This has been proven over time.

3. The bloodline of Christ reveals a lousy line-up. Share some of these stories and how it gives us hope within our struggles.

The cynic (Abram and Sarai)

The deceiver (Jacob)

The hater (Judah)

The 'unknowns'

The immoral (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba)

The incomplete (exile)

4. Read Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope (1) fill you (3) with all joy and peace (4) as you trust in him (2), so that you may overflow with hope (5) by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Take some time to pray quietly through the 5 concepts of this verse and internalize what it means for you today.

Share some of your thoughts with the group.

Message Slides

A. The Genesis of Christ (v.1)

†The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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The birth of Christ...

1. ... is rooted in history.
2. ... reveals a grand story.
3. ... is rooted in promise!

Abraham- "...all nations will be blessed." Gen. 22:18

David- "...a king will rule forever." 2 Sam. 7:12+

Exiles- "...a child will be born..." Isa. 7:14; 9:6-9

4. The birth of Christ reveals a lousy line-up.

a. The Cynic (v.2a)

Abraham was the father of Isaac,

b. The Deceiver

and Isaac the father of Jacob, (v.2b)

c. The Hater

and Jacob the father of Judah (v.2c)

d. The "Unknown" (v.3b-4)

and Hezron the father of Ram, †and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, †

e. The Immoral (v.3a, 5-11)

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, (v.3b)

‡and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab,

and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth,

and Obed the father of Jesse, †and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, †

...and Solomon ... at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

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- i. **Incest-** *Tamar*
- ii. **Prostitution-** *Rahab*
- iii. **Illegal Marriage-** *Ruth*
- iv. **Adultery-** *wife of Uriah*

f. The Incomplete (v.12-15)

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,

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3. ... is rooted in promise.
4. ... reveals a lousy line-up.

B. The Birth of Christ gives me Hope (v.16-17)

¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Romans 15:13

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