

**Dig Deeper @Home – “Kingdom Come”
Complement to sermon on 12/2/2018 – “Anticipating”**

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What do you like most about Winter?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the word “waiting?”

MEMORIZE – Matthew 21: 42-44

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

READ – Read Matthew 1: 1-17

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Who is David? Who is Abraham? Why is it important that Matthew lists them in the beginning of Jesus’ genealogy?
4. Verses 7-11 list kings that are ancestors of Jesus. Take time to look these kings up. What did you find out about them? Were they good kings or evil kings? Anything surprising about them being listed?
5. Matthew refers to Jesus as “Christ (or Messiah)” (v1, 17).
 - a. What is significant about that title?
 - b. What were the Jews expecting this person to be and do?
 - c. In what ways does the genealogy that Matthew lists challenge the cultural assumptions of the Christ figure? (hint: read Malachi 4, as one of many Old Testament examples)

Experiential: Family Tree

Take time to make a family tree. See how far back you can go. What are you able to find out about your ancestors? This can be a fun exercise, but it can also lead to defending behavioral issues. In fact, sometimes we give too much influence to our ancestors and we rationalize away certain behaviors. For example, one could say, "yeah, I have anger outbursts...it's the Wint in me." Yet Jesus was sinless and he came from a line of less than pure and reputable people. Therefore, we are not defined by our ancestry alone. Read Matthew 1:1 again. Notice that David and Abraham are listed out of their relationship to Jesus (not the other way around!) What difference does it make to consider yourself and your identity out of relationship to Jesus more than any other ancestral relationship?

Testimony Time

What difference has Jesus made in your life this past week?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Noel - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-dGh5E_AQw

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Mennonite Hymnal #111

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.