



Your Kingdom Come  
December 1 | Group Guide

**Open with prayer (5 minutes).**

Take a few moments to begin your group time together with this prayer:

*God of justice and peace,  
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness,  
that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder  
before your marvelous deeds.  
Raise our heads in expectation,  
that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord  
and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

Pray also for your group time together.

**Read Matthew 1:1-6 (5 minutes).**

*This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:  
2 Abraham was the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,  
3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,  
Perez the father of Hezron,  
Hezron the father of Ram,*

*4 Ram the father of Amminadab,  
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,  
Nahshon the father of Salmon,  
5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,  
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,  
Obed the father of Jesse,  
6 and Jesse the father of King David.*

### **Introduction and questions (25 minutes).**

In the book of Matthew, Jesus not only shows us what the kingdom of heaven is like, he teaches us to pray: "Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." We want the love of heaven to come to earth, the wisdom of heaven to come to earth, the joy of heaven to come to earth, the abundance of heaven to come to earth, the king of heaven to come to earth!

In this series, we hope to not only learn more about Jesus, but learn to become more and more like Jesus, seeing his Kingdom come in our lives, our city, and our community.

Reflection questions:

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "Kingdom of God?"
- How would you describe your current understanding of who Jesus is and what he came to accomplish?
- How do you think understanding the Kingdom of God could impact the way you view your role in the world?
- What do you hope to discover or learn about Jesus and his Kingdom as you read the Gospel of Matthew?

### **Break into smaller groups for sermon discussion (25 minutes).**

In groups of 3-4, reflect on the following questions:

- Who is your favorite Bible character from Jesus' genealogy list? Why?

- Ask each person in your group, "Which Bible character in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1:1-6 are you the least familiar with?" Then, have them spend a moment researching that figure. Once a few moments have passed, have each person share who they chose and what they learned about them.
- How does seeing God work through imperfect people in Jesus' genealogy challenge your understanding of how he can work through your own life?
- Are there any areas of your life that feel too messy or broken for God to use? How does this passage invite you to trust him with those parts?
- This genealogy points to God's long-term faithfulness across generations. How can reflecting on God's past faithfulness in your life or to your family encourage your faith today?

**Conclude with prayer requests and then the following prayer to end the night (5 minutes).**

Share prayer requests and pray for one another. Then, pray the following prayer:

*O God of all the prophets,  
you herald the coming of the Son of Man  
by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth.  
Guard our hearts from despair so that we,  
in the company of the faithful  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
may be found ready to raise our heads  
at the coming near of our redemption,  
the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.*