

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Genesis 3:15. Call the protoevangelium, meaning the “First Gospel,” how does this verse give a preview of the Gospel, the good news of Christ and his death on the cross and resurrection?
2. Why do you think God chose to reveal who the Messiah would be over such a long span of time?
3. Read 2 Samuel 7:12-16. Called the Davidic covenant, do you think God’s promises here are unconditional, or conditional? (Hint: unconditional covenant means that God promises to do it no matter what)
4. How does the virgin birth explain how the promised King can accomplish such great things?
5. Discuss the two different genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 and how they account for the fact that Joseph isn’t Jesus’ biological father.
6. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. How is Jesus our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace today?
7. How can we incorporate these truths this Christmas? Pray for boldness this Christmas to share these truths with your families.

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Sermon Study Guide

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INCARNATION –
THE ACT OF BEING MADE FLESH

THE PROMISED KING IS BORN

1. WHEN THE FIRST PEOPLE REJECTED GOD’S RULE THE BIBLE REVEALS A _____:

Genesis 3:15 (CSB)

¹⁵ I will put hostility between you (the serpent) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

WHO WILL BE THE DESCENDENT OF THE WOMAN TO CONQUER THE SERPENT AND WHEN WILL HE COME?

2. GOD CHOOSES A _____ TO REVEAL THE COMING DELIVERER.

Genesis 12:1–2 (CSB)

¹ The LORD said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

3. GOD CHOOSES A _____ OF ISRAEL TO REVEAL THE COMING RULER.

Genesis 49:10 (CSB)

¹⁰ The scepter will not depart from Judah or the staff from between his feet until he whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to him.

4. GOD CHOOSES A _____ TO REVEAL THE COMING KING.

2 Samuel 7:16 (CSB)

¹⁶ Your (David’s) house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.’ ”

Answers to fill in the blanks:
THE PROMISED KING IS BORN 1. PROMISE 2. NATION 3. TRIBE 4. DYNASTY 5. FAMILY
6. IMMANUEL 7. MATTHEW 8. LUKE
THE BIRTH OF THE KING OF KINGS MEANS 1. BIBLE, 300 2. DEATH AND RESURRECTION
3. COME AGAIN 4. FOR JESUS OUR KING TODAY

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

5. GOD CHOOSES A _____ TO REVEAL THE COMING SAVIOR.

Matthew 1:20–21 (CSB)

²⁰ But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

6. THE VIRGIN BIRTH EXPLAINS HOW THE COMING KING WILL BE BOTH

GOD AND MAN, _____ - GOD WITH US.

Isaiah 7:14 (CSB)

¹⁴ Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6–7 (CSB)

⁶ For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.

Wait a minute, Joseph isn’t Jesus’ biological father. How is Jesus a descendent of David and the heir to the throne?

7. THE GENEALOGY OF _____ CHAPTER ONE SHOWS THE DAVIDIC ROYAL LINE THROUGH JOSEPH, JESUS’ LEGAL ADOPTIVE FATHER.

8. THE GENEALOGY OF _____ CHAPTER THREE APPEARS TO BE MARY’S GENEALOGY WHO WAS ALSO A DESCENDENT OF DAVID.

JESUS IS THE PROMISED SEED WHO WILL SET EVERYTHING RIGHT!

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

THE BIRTH OF THE KING OF KINGS MEANS...

1. WE CAN BELIEVE IN THE _____.

There are more than _____ prophecies that Jesus fulfilled at His first coming.

2. WE CAN BELIEVE IN HIS _____

Acts 2:36 (CSB)

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

3. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE HE WILL _____.

Revelation 19:11–16 (CSB)

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war with justice. ¹² His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had a name written that no one knows except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God... ¹⁶ And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

4. WE ARE CHALLENGED TO LIVE _____

1 Timothy 6:11–16 (CSB)

...Fight the good fight of the faith...I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without fault or failure until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ God will bring this about in his own time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see, to him be honor and eternal power. Amen.