

# THE STAR

Matthew 1:1-23

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## INTRO

Life is like....

### A. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE UNIQUE

The genealogy of Jesus is filled with individuals from different backgrounds and significant **flaws** and **failures**. (Joshua 2:1; Ruth 4:5; Chronicles 22:8)

### B. GOD'S PLAN IS UNWAVERING

God chose people from diverse backgrounds and transformed their stories into a beautiful narrative of **hope** and **redemption**. (James 2:25; Ruth 1:16; Acts 13:36)

### C. GOD'S PROMISES ARE UNSHAKEABLE

Despite the ups and downs of those in Jesus' family tree, God's plan for **salvation** remained intact. This lineage is a testament to God's **commitment** to humanity. (Genesis 22:18; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:20-23)

### D. GOD'S PURPOSE IS UNFINISHED

Jesus' lineage is filled with imperfect people, reflecting His mission to redeem and transform broken lives. We, as believers, are now **invited** and **included** in God's beautiful redemptive story. (Galatians 3:29; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 11:39-40)

## CONCLUSION:

Just as the Star of Bethlehem pointed to Jesus, our lives are called to reflect His light and lead others to Him.

## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Icebreaker:

Have each group member complete this sentence: "Life is like \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

(Example: "Life is like a jigsaw puzzle because I'm still figuring out how all the pieces fit" or "Life is like a roller coaster because there are ups and downs, but it's always moving forward.").

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### Discussion Questions

#### A. God's People Are Unique

1. Read Matthew 1:1-6. Rahab, Ruth, and David all had significant flaws or challenges. How does their inclusion in Jesus' family tree encourage you about how God views and uses imperfect people?
2. What unique part of your story might God use to impact others?

#### B. God's Plan is Unwavering

1. Read Ruth 1:16 and Acts 13:36. How did God use Ruth and David's faithfulness to accomplish His purposes?
2. Think about a time in your life when things didn't go as planned. How did you see God working behind the scenes to bring good from it?

#### C. God's Promises Are Unshakable

1. Read Genesis 22:18, Isaiah 7:14, and Matthew 1:20-23. How does God's fulfillment of these promises through Jesus show His faithfulness?
2. How can you remind yourself of God's unshakable promises in daily life?

#### D. God's Purpose is Unfinished

1. Read Galatians 3:29 and Hebrews 11:39-40. How do these verses remind us that God's work continues through us today?
  2. What steps can you take this week to align your life with God's unfinished purpose for you?
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### Conclusion and Application

- **Wrap-Up Thought:** Matthew's genealogy shows us that God's story includes broken people, unwavering plans, fulfilled promises, and an ongoing purpose. He's inviting you to trust Him and join His greater story.
- **Challenge:** Reflect on one area of your life (past, present, or future) where you need to trust God's ability to work through imperfections. Share with the group how they can support or pray for you in that area. Close by praying for one another that like the Star of Bethlehem, we will reflect the light of Christ to our friends, family and community.