

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Your Life Matters: God Loves You

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This week Pastor Mike will boldly go where no man has gone before, a final frontier, he is becoming Pastor Kirk, if you will, and inviting all of us to explore strange new worlds of Genealogies. For many, it is thought that these are dry wastelands, but in them Mike reveals a great message of hope.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

How far can you get in building out your family tree? Do you know the names of family back to great grandparents on both sides? Can you get farther?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Pastor Mike shared that while he does not love genealogical sections, part of going line by line through a book means there will be sections like these. He especially felt it is important because it is "God-breathed." Review 2 Timothy 3:16 and discuss what this might really mean.



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Why do authors like Luke and Matthew include genealogies in their books? Especially when writing was laborious and "paper" hard to come by?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Do you believe that God can or is using you even in your brokenness? Are you making yourself available to him?

The family tree of Jesus helps validate Jesus' actual place in history and serves to authenticate his Messianic claims. Does this detail strengthen your faith?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Consider your "faith" family tree. Who are some of the people that have led you to faith or built up your faith to what it is? Do you know who influenced them? How about you, are there any branches of faith that you have started in other people? Give thanks and pray for those in your faith family tree.



PRAYING

Thank you God that there is an actual bloodline that can be traced from Jesus to you. I praise you that by that same blood you have redeemed me. I love that in Christ's genealogy I am reminded that you use even imperfect people to do your work. I pray that you will use even me.



MEMORIZING

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

(2 Timothy 3:16)