



Cornerstone Church Talking Points Guide

“The ‘Mess’ In Messiah” Divine Detours, Pt. 2

Pastor Jacob Young

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SUNDAY SERVICE REFLECTION

Talk about your favorite moment from this week’s worship service. What scripture passage, worship song, or sermon quote did you relate to the most? Why?

SCRIPTURE READING

Pray and ask God to illuminate his Word. Then, read the below passage(s) of scripture out loud.

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar...and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife, Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa...Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah. Matthew 1:1-3, 6-7, 10

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Choose one of the questions below to answer in relation to the above scripture passage(s).

- What did you notice about this passage(s)?
- What did this passage(s) teach you?
- How are you challenged to live differently?
- How can you apply this passage(s) to your day-to-day life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Jesus' genealogy shows a "mess" that we wouldn't expect in God's family tree. Talk about what it means to you that Jesus has a history that may not live up to our expectations.
- The areas of our life where we fall short can be turned and used for good. What's one example of how God has turned what was a letdown in your life into something amazing?
- Pastor Jacob said, "Who Jesus says I am overrides who you think I should be." How can you remind yourself of that truth and live it out—even in the midst of others' expectations?

TALK IT OVER WITH KIDS

- What are some expectations your family has for you? Do you have chores or anything else you are expected to do around the house?
- Have you ever not lived up to someone else's expectation? How did it make you feel?
- While some expectations from others are important, the *most* important thing is not what others think or expect from us, but what God says of us. Pray and ask God to help you make his opinion and thoughts about you more important than anyone else's!