

## APPLY

- The mystery of Jesus being both fully God and fully Human has confounded minds throughout history.
  - Do you wrestle with this truth personally? How?
  - Do you tend to focus or connect with one aspect of Jesus' human-divine nature over the another? If so, which aspect and why?
- When you look at Luke's genealogy, it covers about 4000 years:
  - Isn't it remarkable to see God's sovereign hand at work over generations amidst all the possible ways the Jesus' lineage could have been interrupted?
  - How does this give you confidence in your own story in God sovereignly and faithfully overseeing your journey?

## DISCUSSION CLOSE/HOMEWORK

- When we look at the genealogy of Jesus recorded for us in Luke, we notice a lot of names. The fascinating thing about names in biblical culture is that they carry meaning or have remarkable histories behind them.
- This week in your 'God time' select a few names from Jesus' genealogy and do a quick Bible search on them to look into some of the details about that person and the potential lessons they teach about how they contributed to the coming of Jesus to earth.

## GROUP PRAYER FOCUS

- Spend some time praying for those who may have some financial, physical, or emotional needs in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for our C&MA international workers.

# Investigating JESUS in the Gospel of Luke

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## Week 4: Are You in the Family Line?

Key Text: Luke 3:23-38

## OPEN

If you were to take a poll amongst Christians and ask them, "What parts of the Bible are the most boring to read?", the answer you would most likely get would be, "The genealogies." Even people who love to read the Bible, who read it and study it on a daily basis, find reading lists of names a 'stretch.' So why are they there? What is the purpose of these passages? Why did God see fit to include a genealogy at the beginning of two of the gospels? If you make the effort to dive into the details, even just a bit, you are going to connect some important dots about who Jesus is and what qualifies him as Saviour for the world, as Luke traces Jesus' lineage all the way back to Adam, making a connection to all of us.

## REFLECT

- Jesus, like us, has a human family line. What are some of the more 'noteworthy' names in Jesus' human lineage? Why are these names important and what do they signify?
- Why do you suppose Luke traces Jesus' genealogy back to Adam, while Matthew only traces Jesus to Abraham? What is the big takeaway in this difference between genealogies?
- All of us have been born into the family line of Adam which is fallen, but in Christ we can be adopted into the forever family of God. Reflect on Romans 5:12-21.