

## **FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY**

Welcome! Today, we are beginning our Christmas message series: “The Nearness of God.” We hope everyone is encouraged and inspired to go out proclaiming the nearness of God during this special season.

### **Read: Matthew 1:1-17**

In your group study talk about the difference between the table of contents and the arrangement of the books of the OT in our Bibles vs the Hebrew arrangement. What difference did the lesson emphasize? Why was this important to our study?

Matthew 1:1 mentions David and Abraham. What did those two OT characters have in common? What is Matthew telling us? How does the great commission connect to the genealogy of Jesus?

What historic event does Matthew include in this genealogy? Why is this important?

### **Three reminders from the genealogy of Jesus...**

- 1.) The genealogy of Jesus reminds us of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ across generations.
- 2.) The genealogy of Jesus reminds us of the \_\_\_\_\_ love of God.
- 3.) The genealogy of Jesus reminds us that every human being has \_\_\_\_\_.