# Digging Deeper- Discussion for Family Worship and Small Groups 12/12/2021

An Advent Series: Why We Celebrate Christmas

**Sermon Title:** “Our Sovereign and Gracious God”

**Passage:** Matthew 1:1-17

**Context:** Matthew is writing to Jews who needed proof that Jesus was the promised Messiah. In this often-neglected passage, we learn about who God is and how he relates to his people.

**Main Idea:** *“*We worship a God who can be trusted to accomplish his plans for the glory of his name and the salvation of his people*.”*

**Main Points:**

**I. Jesus’ lineage proves with certainty that he is the promised Messiah.**

 Ref. John 20:31

**II. Jesus’ lineage teaches us that God takes the sin of his people seriously.**

Ref. 2 Kings 21:10

**III. Jesus’ lineage assures us that God’s plan can’t be frustrated by our failures.**

 Ref. Genesis 12:2; Gen 50:20; 2 Sam 7:16; Is 46:8-11

**IV. Jesus’ lineage reveals that God works through actual people not ideal people.**

 **Ref. 2 Cor 4:7**

**V. Jesus’ lineage illustrates that when God waits it’s for our good.**

 Ref. Gal 4:4

**Application:**

* How well are you verbally and visibly treating others?
* What sins are you currently comfortable with?
* How are you allowing God to use you in his church?
* Have you trusted this Messiah named Jesus?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God’s attributes and promises?
2. What challenges you about the message?
3. Were you convicted of any specific sin in your life? Through God’s grace and the power of His Spirit, how will you deal with this sin?
4. What does this Scripture require of me?
5. How will you practically implement these truths?
6. What in this passage points to our need for Jesus?