

MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 18

Need to Know

This month at Berean we are looking to show the love of Jesus in practical ways to those around us. Kindness on Mission is a church-wide initiative to be intentional as we go through our days to engage in the mission of Jesus. We can participate as individuals, families, kids, teens, or as a group. Pick up the Kindness on Mission guide at the Information Center at Berean.

Message Recap

Read (or skim) Matthew 1:1-17. God's purpose for Israel was never meant to be insular, but to welcome all nations into the goodness of his kingdom. He was faithful to do that even through very flawed and broken people. And throughout the lineage of Jesus, gentiles are woven into the story, showing God's heart to welcome in all people to his kingdom.

Discuss

- (1) The text shows that there were non-Israelite (Gentile) and often sinful people were woven into Jesus' lineage. What does their inclusion tell us about God's original heart for the world?
- (2) God's people were never meant to be insular. In what ways can a church, small group, or an individual Christian accidentally become insular or closed off today?
And how can that affect others view of Jesus?
- (3) How does knowing that Jesus came through a highly imperfect lineage comfort you regarding your own flaws, past mistakes, or family history?
- (4) Who is someone in your daily life (neighbor, coworker, etc.) who comes from a completely different background or belief system?
What is one practical step you can take this week to intentionally welcome them into your life and show them God's love?

Apply Is there an area of your life right now where you feel "too broken" or "too flawed" for God to use? How can you actively surrender that to Him this week, trusting His capacity to work through your weakness?

Pray Share prayer requests to pray for each other. Also, pray for people who may not be part of a church and that they would experience Jesus.