



THE BIG IDEA

Advent teaches us that God will use anyone to bring hope into the world.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

Because the world says only the rich and powerful and popular have an important place in the world. The truth is, God sees the moments in your life that you are most ashamed of, the things you wish no one would ever know about, and God is not scared off by them. God knows you fully, and beckons you forward into the story..

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Have the courage to step into the story. See yourself through the eyes of God, who sees great potential in you.

START HERE

We want our entire church to be a part of the conversation. If you missed any of the messages from Sunday, you can catch up [here](#).

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This week's message was about realizing that God will use anyone, no matter their reputation, to fulfill God's promises. Below are some questions that will help guide the discussion.

Bloodlines

Bloodlines were extremely important to the Jewish people in the first century because of the belief that the messiah would arrive into the world through a specific genealogical path. He would be an Israelite, from the line of Judah, in the lineage of King David. This led the Jewish people to expect a certain kind of messiah. They expected a prestigious and royal king. Why do you think it was important for Matthew to write a genealogy for Jesus? Why is it important that Matthew highlighted some people with checkered pasts?

Women

Matthew mentions four women in the first five verses of his genealogy. How does the back story of each women impact the way you see Jesus as the messiah? Spend some time reading the stories and discuss.

Tamar- Genesis 38

Rahab- Joshua 2

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Book- *Astonished* by Mike Erre- [BUY](#)
- More resources posted on the Forefront blog- [READ](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through December

- Christmas with the Kenmore. Find out more at forefrontnyc.com/kenmore

December 22nd

- Christmas Eve Service at Roulette in Brooklyn. 7pm

December 27th

- NO SERVICES ON SUNDAY

Ruth- Ruth 1-4

Bathsheba- 2 Samuel 11

BENEDICTION

Holy God of Love,

There is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love.

A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness.

Amen