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Discuss Luke 3:23–37 – The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, 27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, 29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, 38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about your family. List the names of people in your family and extended family. Then ask: **"What is genealogy?"** (*Discuss their thoughts.*)

Here is a definition of genealogy: The study of families, family history, and the tracing of their lineages.

2. Genealogy is about more than the people we know now—it's also about the people who came before us: grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and more! Most of us don't know much about our family history.

Say, “Did you know that Jesus had a family history, and we can know all about it? Listen while I read Luke’s genealogy of Jesus.” (Read [Luke 3:23–37](#). Ask your kids to keep track of every generation as you read. They can try counting or making marks on a piece of paper, but it’s a lot to keep up with! Then, go back and count together.)

3. Luke traced Jesus’ family all the way back to the first man created by God. **What was his name?** (Adam.)

Jesus has been called the second Adam. **What is the difference between the first Adam and the second Adam, Jesus?**

(The first Adam disobeyed God and brought sin into the world. The second Adam, Jesus, perfectly obeyed God and brought the forgiveness of sins into the world!)

4. **Why did God give us families? Do you think families are important to God? Why or why not?**

A Word from Our Pastor, David Chadwick

We all have families—parents, brothers, sisters, cousins, grandparents, great-grandparents, and more. Families can be wonderful. Also, every family has sin and passes it down from generation to generation.

But every family has the choice to reverse the curse of what’s been handed to them from their families. Whether it was unbelief, abuse, or something else that was negative in our family, we don’t have to pass it on to our children. Through Jesus, we can decide to form our own spiritual genealogy for the future.

Did you know that there is another family God has for us? When we receive Jesus, our names are written in his eternal genealogy. We are in his family forever. We will spend eternity with him and our brothers and sisters in Christ. **That’s good news as well!**

Prayer

Lord, we know that families are important to you, and that together we can do great things for you. Please show us your plan for our family and teach us how to serve you together. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Family Challenge

Parents, this is a chance for your family to decide some things together. Think about the character traits that are important to your family and how you will strive to serve the Lord and live in this world together.

Write these things down or create a **“vision board”** illustrating what is important to you all, and then agree to follow these guidelines together. For example:

We Will:

- Love the Lord our God and obey him
- Serve the poor and lonely
- Be honest
- Be kind and generous
- Have fun together often
- Encourage each other
- Listen to each other
- Etc.

We Will Not:

- Make fun of others
- Be selfish
- Lie
- Bully
- Argue
- Hurt each other’s feelings on purpose
- Etc.

Let everyone in your family give their thoughts on what should be in your **family “contract,”** and then choose the ones you all agree on to include. Then pray and ask God to guide you as you make wise choices and serve him together.