

ROOTS OF REDEMPTION: Good News for the Broken

Pastor Derek December 14, 2025

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.

- How is this Christmas season going for you? What are you looking forward to? What might be hard?
- Take a moment to pray over the things shared from the questions above.

GROW: Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.

Scripture: Choose one of the women's stories to review

- Tamar: Genesis 38

- Rahab: Joshua 2; Joshua 6:22-25

- Ruth: <u>Ruth 1-4</u>

- Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11-2 Samuel 12:25

Questions:

- Summarize the passage in your own words.
- What do we learn about people and sin from this passage?
- What do we learn about God (especially knowing that they are in the lineage of Jesus)?

GO: Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.

What is God saying to you?

What are you going to do about it?
"I will..."

Pray for those whom you are inviting to Christmas at the Warner to come and be open to hearing the hope of Jesus.



ROOTS OF REDEMPTION: A Tapestry of God's Faithfulness

Pastor Derek December 21, 2025

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.

- How has God's faithfulness in your life pointed you or others toward Jesus?

GROW: Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.

Read Matthew 1:17-25. Matthew wrote his gospel for a primarily Jewish audience that was familiar with their history and scripture – and was waiting for their Messiah.

- Make a list of all the Old Testament references in this passage. What do you find most interesting?
- Consider the situation from Joseph's point of view. What do you find most unexpected?
- What aspects of Joseph's character are revealed in the way he responded to Mary's condition? To the angel's intervention?
- Who did Joseph choose to trust? What implications do you think that decision had on his community reputation and interactions going forward?

Read Genesis 22:15-18; Genesis 49:8-10 and 2 Samuel 7:8-17.

- Each of these patriarchs faced significant challenges and overcame bad decisions and mistakes. How do their stories ultimately point toward Jesus?

A Biblical covenant is a binding, sacred agreement or promise between two parties, God and His people. Read <u>Leviticus 26:40-42</u> and <u>Jeremiah 29:10-14</u>;

- Why were the Israelites sent into exile? How do you think they viewed God during those long years?
- What do these passages tell us about God's heart toward his people and their covenant?
- How did this season of accountability point toward Jesus?

Why was it important for Matthew to describe Jesus' birth using these particular pieces of context? What do they reveal about God's plan for humanity? What do they tell us about His faithfulness?

What makes it difficult to remember God's faithfulness amid hard and impossible situations? How can Joseph's story help us?

What are some practical steps we can take today that will help us lean into Him in those times?

GO: Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable. Consider reviewing the Savvy Follower Dream Disciple Role:

- What has God spoken to me through His word this week, and what am I doing about it?
- What decision am I facing right now that requires God's unique perspective? How will I seek it?
 "I will..."