



Life Group Discussion Guide

December 8, 2024 – Genesis 12 & Matthew 1 A Christmas Covenant – God’s Heart for the Nations

Icebreaker:

Share about a gift you have received that was meant for you *and* others (perhaps your whole family). How did that generosity impact you and the group?

Discussion Questions:

1. The Mothers of Jesus (Matthew 1)

- a. Matthew includes women—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba—in Jesus’ genealogy, which was uncommon in his culture. What does their inclusion reveal about God’s character?
- b. How do their stories (e.g., Ruth’s loyalty, Rahab’s courage) reflect God’s plan for all nations?
- c. Are there areas in your life where you need to better reflect God’s heart for people of backgrounds different from your own?

2. A Promise for All Nations (Genesis 12)

- a. God told Abraham that through him “all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” What does it mean for the blessings of God to be shared rather than kept private?
- b. How does this idea challenge how we think about privilege and purpose in our faith?
- c. In what ways have you seen God’s blessings in your life become a blessing to others?

3. Faith as the Basis of God’s Family (Galatians 3:7-9)

- a. Paul writes that those who have faith are sons and daughters of Abraham. Why is faith, rather than lineage or works, the foundation of belonging in God’s family?

- b. How does this truth impact your understanding of grace and salvation?
- c. Are there any “masters” in your life (e.g., pride, past failures) that keep you from fully embracing your place in God’s family?

4. Take a Moment for Reflection

- a. Identify one specific way you can be a “priest” this week—connecting someone to God or being a light for those who feel far from Him.
- b. As a small group, plan a way to bless your community this Christmas season (e.g., hosting an outreach, serving at a local shelter, or connecting with a needy family).

What’s Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at lcc.org/whats-happening

All Campus

- **Advance the Kingdom:** We have exciting news in the life of Legacy! We want everyone to go “All In” on Project Advance. Learn more here: <https://lcc.org/advance/>
- **Blessing Tree:** Nov. 24 – Dec 15.
- **Night of Prayer:** Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm at your local campus.
- **Young Adult New Year’s Eve Night of Worship:** Dec 31, 8:00 pm – 12:00 am. OP Campus.
- **Women’s Event - Rooted in God’s Story:** Feb. 7 – 8 at the Blue Valley Campus.

Lee’s Summit Campus

- **Women’s Breakfast:** Dec. 14 at 8:00 am. Ginger Sue’s.
- **Grief Share:** beginning Jan. 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
- **Back Snacks:** Ongoing food insecurity ministry for a LS middle school.

Olathe Campus

- **Men’s Breakfast:** Dec. 21 at 8:00 am.
- **Men’s Bible Study:** Saturdays, 7:00 – 8:30 am.

Blue Valley Campus

- **Women’s Game Night:** Jan. 10 at 7:00 pm.
- **Men’s Bible Study:** Saturdays at 7:00 am.
- **Women’s Bible Studies:**
 - **Fridays:** Books of the Bible, 10 am – 12 pm. Onsite & Zoom. Join anytime.
 - **Saturdays:** Option 1: Higher Grounds, 7:30 – 9:00 am at Consentino’s Market Starbucks. Option 2: Books of the Bible, 10AM – 12 pm. Zoom. Join anytime.

Local Serving Opportunities:

Learn more about the local ministries that Legacy has served with: <https://lcc.org/serve-my-community/>

To learn more about serving with one of these organizations, contact Anabel Caldwell at acaldwell@lcc.org.