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- Trust God's promises
- Be included in God's promises

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Further Application Questions - Matthew 1:1-17

- To what extent do you let your past define you - for good or ill?
- Matthew is writing to a largely Jewish audience, disappointed at how the past few hundred years have gone. How does verse 1 suggest a new beginning for them?
- Why has Matthew divided his genealogy into these three blocks (2-6a, 6b-11, 12-16)?
- Who are the glorious heroes of the past? Who are you surprised to see included?
- How might Matthew's introduction encourage you to read the Old Testament?
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