



THE BIBLE
-SAYS-

Week Two | The Redemptive Middle | 09.05-06.2020

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: From the very beginning, God had a plan, through Jesus, to bring humanity back into a right relationship with Him.

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (15 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Where is your family from?
- Digging Deeper: How has your heritage influenced who you are today?

» Observation | Read Matthew 1:1-17 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | God Never Gives Up (10 minutes)

- Why do you think it is difficult for us to trust that God never gives up on us? How have you learned to trust Him?

» A God of Promises | Reread Matthew 1:1-2; Genesis 17:7; Psalm 119:1-8 (10 minutes)

- Reread Psalm 119:1-8. What words represent the law? What do these verses tell us about how the psalmist felt about the law?

» Self Destructive | Reread Matthew 1:6; 2 Samuel 11:2-5; Psalm 51:10-12 (10 minutes)

- The Israelite people often prioritized what they could see or touch. What do you put ahead of God?

» Redeemed | Reread Matthew 1:10-11; 2 Kings 22:19 (10 minutes)

- Why is it so hard to believe that God's love is actually as good as it is? How can you learn to lean into God rather than trust your own experience?

» Answered Promises | Reread Matthew 1:17 (10 minutes)

- How can Matthew 1:1-17 give us hope in God's promises?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (10 minutes)

- God wants one on one time with you, what can you do to spend time with just Him this week?
- Close by praying for each other to trust God with something this week and see how Jesus has not given up on you.