WORSHIP GUIDE

DATE: March 14, 2021

SERMON TITLE: Matthew: Skeletons in the Closet of the Family Tree

SPEAKER: Dr. Deven K. MacDonald

SERMON TEXT: Matthew I:I-I7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- I. Do you have any famous (or, maybe, interesting) people in your family line?
- 2. Jesus is the Christ. The King and "Anointed One". The "Messiah". Why is it so important that Jesus actually comes from King David's physical, earthly line? What does this teach us about God's promises?
- 3. Jesus' family line reminds us that _____ doesn't matter anymore. How would you fill in that blank? What from your past or upbringing, what failures or sins tend to "hold you back" from enjoying God's forgiveness in Christ? What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more closely?

PRAYER FOR OUR PEOPLE:

- Wade Pink continues to recover in University Hospital after heart valve replacement surgery. Please continue to pray for Wade, Jasmine, and the kids throughout all of this;
- Abby Lodge's mom, Norma, is in hospice care in California and Abby is there helping her sister care for her. Please pray for strength for Norma, wisdom to know how to care for her, and for Michael and the kids during this separation.
- Melanie Belanger is struggling through a bad M.S. relapse which is causing severe depression and anxiety. She is expected to receive LEMTRADA infusion for 3 days (8 hours/day) starting at some point this month. She is very grateful for the continued prayer support of her church family;
- Lloyd Weiss is waiting for the doctor to okay his next kidney transplant (right side) and for Lloyd to be physically prepared for that.