

Women's Bible Study  
Discussion Questions

Matthew 1 and 2

1. Why does Matthew's Gospel begin with a genealogy? What is the significance of v. 1 to Matthew's readers?
2. The genealogy mentions 4 women. You can read their stories in Genesis 38:27-30, Ruth 1:3-4, Joshua 6:25, and 2 Samuel 11:1-5. Why does Matthew draw attention to these women? What do you observe about them?
3. God chose Joseph to shepherd His son Jesus in his early years. What character qualities does Joseph display? What do his actions reveal about his faith?
4. After you read the account about the Magi, describe why it is important to include it in Matthew's Gospel. In what ways does this story differ from our culture's portrayal of the Magi in our Christmas pageants?
5. How do each of the following people/groups respond to the news of Jesus' birth? What do their actions reveal about where they place their faith/trust?

ACTIONS

FAITH/TRUST

Wise Men

Chief Priests/Scribes

Herod

Joseph

6. Consider your attitudes and actions over the past week. Describe a time when your faith was in God. Describe a time when you trusted in something else.