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# The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3 Episode 3

**Matthew: Jesus is the New Moses** 

Matthew begins his gospel with a genealogy. But the question is, why? Join us as we examine and compare the ministry of Moses and the ministry of Jesus in the gospel of Matthew.

### **Introduction**

#### **Recap From Last Week**

Last week on The Forgotten Jesus Podcast, we explored the three major themes Matthew addresses in his Gospel. We also looked at how Matthew's Gospel is organized into five major sections.

Take a few minutes to review this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone from the episode.

Why do you think people tend to skip or rush through genealogies in the Bible?

# **Discussion**

Have someone read aloud **Exodus 6:14-27 and Matthew 1:1-17**.

Why do you think God utilizes genealogies at the onset of people's ministries?

How can genealogies impact how we read the Bible?

# **Application**

What are some connections between Jesus and Moses that stand out to you, and why?

How does understanding the Old Testament help you better understand the New Testament?



#### 10 Tests of Abraham by God

- 1. The call to leave his country, family, and home (Genesis 12:1-2)
- 2. Famine in Canaan (Genesis 12:10)
- 3. Abduction of Sarah (Genesis 12:17-20)
- 4. War with the four kings (Genesis 14:1-16)
- 5. Long wait for a song and marriage to Hagar (Genesis 16:1-4)
- 6. The command to circumcise himself (Genesis 17:9-14)
- 7. Abduction of Sarah by Abimelech (Genesis 20:1-2)
- 8. The exile of Hagar after she gave birth (Genesis 21:9-10)
- 9. The exile of Ishmael (Genesis 21:11-13)
- 10. Offering Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)

Which test stands out to you the most? How have you handled tests in your own life?

# **Pray**

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

Is someone in your group being tested? Pray for wisdom and strength for them.

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## Asking Better Questions of the Bible

Too often when we come to the Bible, questions make us uncomfortable. But questions are often a good thing. When we stop viewing the Bible through the lens of our own agendas and ask the questions the Bible is asking, something extraordinary happens. We form a new and deeper way of thinking about Scripture and understanding the Bible. As we do, we move further into the depths and mystery of God. If you'd like help with these questions, check out this resource.

