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Bible Study and Discussion Group
Supplemental Handout -- Topic: Embracing Advent -- “Matthew 1-2”

- Inductive Bible Study Method (*Living by The Book* by Howard G. Hendricks and William D. Hendricks)
 - The purpose of bible study is life change or transformation
 - Three steps in inductive bible study
 1. Observation
 2. Interpretation
 3. Application
 - Application: Nine Questions To Ask
 1. Is there an example for me to follow?
 2. Is there a sin to avoid?
 3. Is there a promise to claim?
 4. Is there a prayer to repeat?
 5. Is there a command to obey?
 6. Is there a condition to meet?
 7. Is there a verse to memorize?
 8. Is there an error to mark? (concerning doctrine or theology)
 9. Is there a challenge to face?

Scripture of Lesson: “Matthew Chapter 1 – The Birth of Jesus”

- Who is the author?
 - Date???
 - Who is the audience?
 - What is the purpose?
- I. What is the meaning of “Advent”?
 - a. Lessons from week 1 reading – “Embracing Advent”
 - b. Week 2 reading – “Embracing Advent: Hold on to Hope”
 - II. Matthew Chapter 1
 - i. The Genealogy of Jesus (v. 1)
 - ii. The Son of David
 - iii. The Son of Abraham
 - b. The Generations (vs. 2-16)
 1. Arrangement
 2. Women

- 3. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ
 - 4. The meaning of “Christ”
 - ii. Summary (v. 17)
 - c. The Birth of Jesus (vs. 18-21)
 - i. Mary and Joseph are engaged (Eastern Marriage Tradition)
 - ii. Joseph and Mary’s dilemma
 - iii. Joseph’s decision
 - iv. Joseph’s dream
- III. Conclusion: God ‘s Purpose
 - a. The reason all this was done, that prophecy would be fulfilled (vs. 22-23)
 - b. Joseph’s obedience (vs. 24-25)

Questions/Comments

Closing Prayer

Scripture Lesson: “Matthew Chapter 2 – The Childhood of Jesus”

- I. Visit of the Wise Men (vs. 1-12)
 - a. The setting
 - b. The Wise Men visit Herod
 - c. Herod’s request
 - d. The Wise Men find The Child
- II. The Flight into Egypt
 - a. Joseph Warned (v. 13)
 - b. Joseph Took The Child and His Mother to Egypt (vs. 14-15)
 - c. Prophecy Fulfilled (v. 15)
- III. The Murder of the Innocents
 - a. Herod’s Anger and Action (v. 16)
 - b. Prophecy Fulfilled (vs. 17-18)
- IV. The Return to Nazareth
 - a. First Dream (vs. 19-21)
 - b. Second Dream (vs. 22-23)

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