

## Women's Bible Study 2006/07

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

### Lesson One: Matthew 1:1–25

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1. a) Verse 1 states that Jesus Christ is the son of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 b) Why do you **think** these two ancestors are mentioned?
2. The genealogy seems to be divided by periods in history. Name these divisions and give pertinent verses to prove your answer.
3. There are five women named in Jesus' genealogy.
  - a) Give the verses and state one important fact about each woman. The following verses will help you with your answer: Genesis 38; Joshua 2 and 6:22–25; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25; Ruth 1 and 4:13-22; II Samuel 11; Luke 1:26-56.

	Verse	Fact
Tamar		
Rahab		
Ruth		
Uriah's wife		
Mary		

- b) Why do you **think** in some translations (NIV and ESV)—Bathsheba's name is not given and is identified only through her husband's name?
- c) Are there any names that catch your attention and why?

4. a) Mary came to be pregnant through whom?  
  
b) How can you believe this is possible?
  
5. a) If Mary and Joseph weren't married yet, why would Joseph want to divorce her?  
  
b) Who stopped Joseph and why?
  
6. a) What is the name Joseph is to give this baby and what does the name mean?  
  
b) Does Jesus' name mean that to you? Why or why not?

**Going Deeper:**

7. a) By the meaning of the name Immanuel what is Matthew stating about Jesus?  
  
b) Who do you say Jesus is? Be very thorough.
  
8. Based on Chapter 1 and Luke 1:26–56—describe Mary's character and how you are similar or different. Be thorough.
  
9. Based upon Matthew 1—describe Joseph's character and how you are similar or different. Be thorough.