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Have you ever asked yourself, "Who am I, really?" Have you ever wondered, "Do I fit here?" Have you ever contemplated, "What difference do I make?" According to the extensive research of the Fuller Youth Institute, young people today, stay awake at night, grappling with these ultimate questions of identity, belonging, and purpose.

These questions are important for all stages of life, but they are especially acute for young people, from Millennials to Generation Z to Generation Alpha, trying to navigate a complex, competitive and diverse world. Where do we find answers?

By studying Jesus' genealogy, we come to an understanding of Jesus' identity, belonging, and purpose. And, in understanding these things about Jesus, we are invited to find our identity, belonging and purpose in Him.

- 1. God reigns supremely over history
  - a. Even over the rebellious dysfunction of our relatives
  - b. Even over the unspeakable tragedies of our lives
  - c. Even over the specific details of our story
- 2. King Jesus has come! Hallelujah!
- 3. Disciples of King Jesus receive royal identity, belonging, and purpose.

## **Reflection Questions:**

- How do you answer the following questions: Who am I? Where do I fit? What difference do I make?
- Where is your sense of identity, belonging, and purpose grounded?
- What would it mean for you to find your sense of identity, belonging and purpose in King Jesus?

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