



## Sermon Title: Hope for the Rejected!

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### Scripture:

The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:  
[Matthew 1:1]

1. The Spirit doesn't reveal every lesson with fanfare. He reserves some lessons for those who take time to listen.
2. Rejection by people doesn't mean rejection by God!
3. God delights in redemption - not rejection! (Micah 7:18; 2 Peter 3:9)
4. When we follow Jesus He doesn't reject our talents and abilities; He redeems them.
5. God doesn't waste words! Everything He says He says for a good reason.
6. We have a habit of rejecting God as He is in order to make Him in our own image.
7. When God's words and actions don't align with our concepts of Him we feel threatened and often go into spiritual attack mode.
8. When we fall to the temptation to make God in our own image we end up rejecting His truth in the name of protecting it!
9. "The cross of Jesus Christ is... the door whereby God keeps open house for the universe. Anyone can go through that door." [Oswald Chambers]
10. God prepares His people for their Kingdom assignments.
11. Make your pain your preparation for God's next assignment!

**Growth Group Questions**  
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**KICK-OFF**

1. Is the Christmas season a time of joy or difficulty for you and why?
2. Have you ever researched your own genealogy? If so, did you discover anything interesting or unexpected?

**THE GAME PLAN**

1. When growing up, did you ever feel rejected by others for any reason? Do you still struggle with those thoughts or have you been able to overcome them?
2. Do you have difficulty grasping or accepting God's grace for you? If so, why?
3. What points from today's sermon challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention and why?

**OVERTIME**

1. Do you ever find yourself creating or imagining God in your own image rather than as He really is? What are some ways you can protect yourself against such thinking?
2. Read Ephesians 2:10. Evaluate this verse in terms of your own life. Have you been able to discover the kingdom assignment(s) God has planned for you?
3. Are there any passages of Scripture that have always seemed obscure or irrelevant to you? If so, what are they?

