
THE WOMEN WHO GAVE US JESUS | WEEK 1

TAMAR

Genesis 38:11-19, 24-30

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. TAMAR AND THE NEED FOR JUSTICE
2. JUDAH AND THE NEED FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL AWAKENING
3. HOW IT ALL POINTS TO JESUS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. The story of Tamar is one that is not only hard to understand; it is hard to even read it. How do you typically handle passages like this in the Bible when you come upon them in your reading? Did this week's teaching affect your view of difficult passages in any way?
3. Tamar was a childless widow. This made her one of the most vulnerable, exposed, marginalized people in her day. Who are the "Tamar's" of our world? How do you currently relate to them?
4. What are some examples from the Old Testament that show God's concern for justice for the vulnerable, exposed, marginalized and oppressed? What are some examples from the New Testament?
5. Judah had to convince himself that Tamar was worse than him or lower than him so that he could justify his unjust treatment of her. Where do you find yourself viewing people as worse than or lower than yourself?
6. Personal spiritual awakenings are needed by everyone, they usually take a lot of pain and they usually take a lot of time. How would you describe where you currently are in your spiritual journey? Have you ever experienced a transformative, spiritual awaking like Judah did in Genesis 38?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Forgiveness means you are free to go. Righteousness means you are free to come home. In Jesus, we can be made righteous.