

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 1/13/13

Re-appraising Jesus: His Baptism Matthew 3.13-17

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: to call us to delight in the humility of Christ and to treasure Him more as we follow His example.

- Optional: watch the video from Antique Roadshow from the sermon: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P90KcJDuhSQ>

and here is a supplemental one, just for fun!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91sHDoufhAg>

- Discuss how this man's change of valuing of this Navajo blanket can mirror our need to value Christ more highly. How do we do that? How can this passage on Jesus' baptism help us do that?
- Read Matthew 3.13-17. How does John's example of humility here challenge you?
- Since He had no sins to confess, why was Jesus so insistent on being baptized? What does Jesus' baptism represent?
- What does it mean for you to follow Jesus' example from this passage? (explore both humility and baptism)
- What is the significance of the threefold affirmation of Jesus' baptism in verse 16-17? and what does this reveal about the nature of God? (Here is a concise summary of the Trinity for your use: <http://carm.org/trinity>)
- Close with this question from above: Discuss how this man's change of valuing of this Navajo blanket can mirror our need to value Christ more highly. How do we do that? How can this passage on Jesus' baptism help us do that?
- What do you need to do to more fully appreciate the Son who was baptized on your behalf?