

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 3/24/13

Matthew 9.1-17 Everything's Amazing! Let's rejoice!

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.

Announcements: (1) Study (6 mo.)/Serve (9 mo.)/Worship switch...Where are you signed up? and (2) 4,000 Steps.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *to call us to joyfully follow Christ and share Him with others because He forgives sin and welcomes sinners.*

Read 9.1-8. What does this passage reveal about King Jesus that is amazing? How can we protect the wonder of this such that it gives us joy?

In v. 2 Jesus refers to "their" faith. What does the conduct of the man's friends teach us about how our faith can impact others? How might that happen?

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How is Matthew an example for us in using social settings, especially meals, to help people encounter Jesus? How can you do that personally? What might a "Matthew Party" look like for you to host? for your small group?

Read 14-17. How can we go about escaping the trap of saying by our lives, "everything (about our Savior) is amazing, but nobody is happy"? How can we commune with Jesus and remember all He has done for us in a way that brings great joy?

Takeaway: What must you do to recover the joy of knowing your amazing savior? What has this passage made you think about how you can share your faith with others?