

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 4/14/13

Matthew 9.35-10.15

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) Where are you Serving, (2) Study starts 4/21 with Biblical Manhood (Rm. 602) & Womanhood (Rm. 601), (3) Sojourners outreach opportunities.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *to invite us to join Jesus' compassion driven mission by prayer and being sent as we trust in His provision.*

Watch this youtube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcGZhXAI9M8> or retell the story. Then read Matt. 9.35-38 and discuss what keeps us from being truly compassionate, like Jesus - in that our compassion leads to action.

What surprises you about the action Jesus takes here? What does that teach you about his unfolding mission and about prayer?

Read 10.1-4. The selection of the disciples reminds us of Jesus' desire to use common folk to accomplish his mission. How does that reality affect you? How does their being the answer to their own prayers affect you?

Read 10.5-15 and discuss what are the overarching (flying high) principles we can learn about being sent by Jesus into the world? explore what Jesus teaches about healing and casting out demons (10.7-8), about not taking money or stuff (10.8-10) and finding people who welcome your message and reject it (10.11-15).

Pray for those who have a "takeaway" from this passage. Encourage reflection on the areas of compassion, prayer and trusting in God as we are sent into this hurting world.