

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 10/27/13

Matthew 21:28-46

Jesus' Stories and Ours': Warnings and Grace

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) Gathering for prayer 11/3 and (2) Who is our "Evangelism Champion?"

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: The call to discipleship is a call to "go to work" -not of lip service. True Faith is deeper than giving lip service to true doctrine, it includes something deeper...it is deny one's self and committing your whole life to God. The extravagant love and grace of God makes repentance and a changed life possible!

Optional...Read Matthew 21 and think together about the story that is unfolding before you...what amazes you about the story?

Read Matthew 21:28-32..."What do you think about this story?" Why do you think we often with the Pharisees have a misconception of our place in the story? What is Jesus trying to teach the Pharisees and us in verse 31-32? When and where do you find you are tempted to or actually play the second son?

Where do you find evidences of grace in this story?

Read Matthew 21:33-46...What does verse 33-34 tell you about God? What does verse 35-36 tell us about ourselves (and the master)? Why do you lash out and protect your rebellion? How do you react when God's word and commands come to you and mess with you? How does the judgment of God effect you?

What is God calling you to "change your mind about"? What does it look like for you to believe and walk in obedience in that area?