

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 1/5/14

Matthew 22.15-33

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

2014 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) 1/5 Gathering for Prayer 6pm, (2) 1/12 LifeChange begins with Biblical Manhood (Rm 602) & Biblical Womanhood (Rm 601), (3) Sign up for your LifeChange class, (4) New Member's Class begins 1/12 at 9am.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: a call to full submission of all things to God and to hope in God's promises and power to raise the dead.

Read 22.15-22. What were the Pharisees hoping to accomplish with their trap for Jesus?

What does Jesus shift the focus to in v. 21? How would you summarize his teaching here? What do you think Jesus is really after with this statement?

How can we end up like the Pharisees, debating God, being amazed at his teaching, and just walking away?

Is there something you need to render to God that you have been withholding?

Read 22.23-33. What were the Sadducees hoping to accomplish with this question?

Do you think that you are liable to Jesus' rebuke in v. 29 in any way? What steps can you take in response to that?

How does the truth of the resurrection of Jesus and our resurrection (see 1 Cor. 6.14) affect you? How can you embrace that hope in a way that shapes you more?