

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 1/26/14

Matthew 23 “Woe is me!”

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

2013/2014 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) SGL Basic Training 2/1 (2) Gathering for Prayer 2/9.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: *on calling us to repent of our pharisaical pride that brings the woeful judgment of Christ upon us.*

Read 23.1-11. How would you summarize the dangers of the Scribes' and Pharisees' leadership? How can those sins plague our leaders today? What does Jesus tell us (as his disciples) to do in light of this dangerous leadership?

How would you apply verses 8-10?

How should verses 11-12 affect your life at home, work and/or church?

Read verses 12-39. What would you say are the main point(s) of these woes?

Which of these woes do you feel like addresses the greatest snare set for the people and leaders at NW? How should this affect how you pray for our church?

Which woe addresses your greatest vulnerability, personally?

Do these harsh words from Jesus trouble you, in light of who you know Jesus to be? How does v. 37 help to balance these teachings?