



Community Group Questions

Read the verses: Matthew 12:9-37

1. See if your group can collectively summarize the portion of Matthew that we have covered so far (Chapters 1-11). Feel free to use your Bibles as reference.
2. Read Matthew 12:1-14.
 - a. How would you describe the character of Jesus and His Kingdom from this passage
 - b. How would you describe the character of the Pharisees from this passage?
 - c. On your path to becoming like Jesus, how can you look more like Him this week?
3. Read Matthew 12:22-37.
 - a. What was Jesus doing, by whose power, and for what reason?
 - b. What is the Pharisee's accusation?
 - c. How would you summarize Jesus' response?
4. Why do you think Jesus is so stern specifically concerning blasphemy of the Holy Spirit?
 - a. What advice would you give someone who rejects Jesus as the Son of God?
 - b. Does this passage mean someone who has faith in Jesus could accidentally commit a sin that will not be forgiven? Why or Why not?
5. vv. 33-37 - The good tree and the bad tree.
 - a. Jesus' teaching in Matthew often includes a dichotomy. This passage mentions the good tree with good fruit and the bad tree with bad fruit. What other comparisons from Jesus' teaching come to mind?
 - b. What makes the fruit bad or good?
 - c. Why are our words so important?
6. Pray by name for loved ones and others who have rejected Jesus to return to Him and see Him as the Holy Spirit has revealed Him: The Son of God, the Savior of the World, the only way to the Father, the one who can forgive the sins of all those who trust in Him.