

Small Group Questions

All I Want... Someone to Follow

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Getting Started...

What do you want for Christmas? Share one material gift you would love to receive, and one relational gift you would love to receive. (Relational gift-- could be a restored relationship, forgiveness, talk to a long lost friend, healed marriage for you or for someone else, etc.)

Digging Deeper...

Read Matthew 9:9-13

Why were the tax collectors hated and always associated with "sinners"?

Who could we compare a tax collector to in our current culture?

Do you think this was the first interaction between Matthew and Jesus?
Why or why not?

Matthew got up and followed Jesus. What are some questions that you would ask before you would follow Jesus?

How do you think the other disciples felt when Jesus called out to Matthew to follow Him?

What did it cost Matthew to follow Jesus?

What has the cost been for you to follow Jesus? What did you have to give up or surrender?

What is the problem that the Pharisees have with Jesus?

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Read Hosea 6:6

How does Jesus use the OT to answer their problem?

The Pharisees were known to follow the law and bring sacrifices, but they displayed no mercy and their hearts were far from God. How can we make sure that we don't fall into the same problems as the Pharisees did? How can we stay soft towards God?

How "sick" were you before you saw your need for Jesus?

4 Kinds of People:

1. Those who do not _____ they are sick.
2. Those who will not _____ that they are sick.
3. Those who know they are sick, but _____ help.
4. Those who go to the doctor and get _____.

What does Jesus Offer? Jesus offers _____.

Taking it Home...

How will you make sure that Jesus is worshipped in your home this Christmas?