

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 22:23-46

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. In heaven, who or what on earth would you miss most?
2. Who are the three people in this world you love the most?
3. Would you rather ask questions or answer them? Why?

Getting us into Scripture

4. Who questions Jesus here (v. 23)? What do they believe? How does their question appear: Mocking? Serious? Scriptural (see Deuteronomy 25:5-10)? A trick?
5. What aspects of their question does Jesus answer? Why is there no marriage in heaven?
6. Why do you think Jesus emphasized loving God with our heart, soul and mind? How is loving God related to loving people?
7. Were the Pharisees expecting the Messiah to be human (David's descendant) or divine (David's Lord)?
8. Why would it take Jesus' death and resurrection to show that the Messiah is more than just David's descendant?

Getting Scripture into us

9. What hope does the resurrection give you? What one question would you like to ask Jesus about life after death?
10. By Jesus' definition, what kind of "lover" are you?
11. In what way do you want to grow in love right now: Toward God? Toward those in your family? Toward the needy? Toward yourself?
12. How might you do so?
13. What does Jesus' humanity mean to you? What does his divinity mean?