



Group Bible Study Question



Friday - 8:00 - 9:45 am

THE KING'S DESIRE FOR MERCY

Matthew 9:1-13

Key Verse: 9:13, "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

1. Where does the event in verses 1-8 take place, who was there and what happened?
2. What did Jesus proclaim to the paralyzed man? From Jesus' perspective, what was the man's real problem and how could it be solved? What did Jesus reveal about himself?
3. In what different locations do the events in verses 9-13 occur, and who was involved? What does Jesus' calling "follow me" mean to Matthew and to us?
4. Read verses 12-13. When a controversy occurred, how did Jesus explain the motive and purpose of his coming? What does this mean to you?
5. What do these two events tell us about Jesus' kingdom?