



BEAUTIFUL MESS

GOD'S PEOPLE // THE CHURCH

Church at Home Week of 3/22

Introduction

This week we are going to start to use the Discovery Bible Study (www.dbsguide.org) method of looking at a passage of Scripture. This method was modeled in the online service this weekend. The idea is that anyone can use this method to look at a passage of Scripture and come away with a better understanding of God, people and how to live out the lesson from the passage. We will walk you through the first lesson; then you will use the same techniques on other passages later in the week. The “Think about” under each question gives you some clues about the kind of things you should be looking for in the passage.

Bible Study Tips:

- Don't over complicate the process. Try to stick to the questions as you understand them.
- Focus on the words of this passage. Don't refer to other passages or things you read somewhere else.
- Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
- Give people time to respond. Silence is OK.
- The facilitator should facilitate discussion, not teach.

Getting Started

- *What are you thankful for?*
- *What is causing you stress?*
- *Who needs our help? How can we help them?*

Diving Deeper

Read Matt 9:9-13 (NLT)

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. ¹¹But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

¹²When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." ¹³Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

- **What does this passage say about God, Jesus and His plan?**

Think about: Character traits; Attributes; Who is He? How God relates to us; What matters to Him?

Re-read Matt 9:9-13

- **What does this passage say about people?**

Think about: How do people act? What are our needs? What are Character traits/attributes of humans?

Action Steps

- **According to the Study, what am I doing well? What do I need to change?**

Think about: Where are you living out this truth now? What do I need to change to join Jesus more this week? Which faces in your life should you interact with more or differently? Where should you go (Places) and what should you do when you get there?

Continue This Week

Do two more studies and answer the same questions above with the following passages. Start each session by retelling the story from the last passage (previous meeting) you talked about.

Matt 9:35-38

Matt 14:13-21

Possible Answers (Cheat Sheet)

Question 1:

- God has a heart for all humans, especially the outcast.
- Jesus was bold "Follow me and be my disciple."
- Jesus didn't shy away from social interactions.
- Jesus cares more about our hearts than social norms and traditions.
- Jesus went places others avoided.
- People were more important than their sin.

Question 2:

- We have a need to be accepted.
- We sometimes look down on people that are different than us.
- We may have to leave things behind to follow Jesus.
- We are often judgmental.

Question 3:

- I try not to be judgmental, but still am at times and need to change that.
- I need to not let others' sin get in the way of me helping them join Jesus.
- I need to stand up for those who others say aren't worthy.
- How can I show mercy in all my interactions with everyone?