

LIFEgroups

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Go around and let everyone answer...

Have you ever driven the wrong direction?

When did you realize you were headed in the wrong direction?

Who in the group has driven the farthest in the wrong direction? (be honest)

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Read Matthew 11:1-6

If you were one of John's disciples, what would you have felt after Jesus answered your question?

(Satisfied, confused, frustrated, joyful, embarrassed, afraid, etc.)

In your own words, share your report to John.

Consider Jesus' list of miraculous works.

What do the miracles communicate to us about the way Jesus reigns?

Read Matthew 11:7-15

According to Jesus, the people went out into the wilderness obviously looking for a prophet. Why then did the people reject the prophet's message?

The people didn't dance with the flute or cry with the funeral song.

Ultimately, what makes us as people so critical?

Read Matthew 11:16-24

If possible, have a few people look up the sins of Tyre, others look up the sins of Sidon, and others the sins of Sodom. What did you find?

Why will three small Jewish cities receive harsher judgement than the most notoriously sinful cities?

Imagine you are from Capernaum and have witnessed the miracles of Jesus. What might keep you from acknowledging Jesus as king? How can we help others who face these obstacles?

APPLY

What one change will you make in your life this week in response to the powerful Kingdom of Heaven?

Knowing that Jesus will NOT speak these woes against people of repentance and faith, how has your perspective changed about meeting him when he returns?

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Leaders

Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series from the Gospel of Matthew. This series focuses on Matthew's message of establishing that Jesus is King over all.

Big Idea

This lesson focuses on repentance as the proper response to the powerful Kingdom of Heaven.

Group Discussion Reminder

Groups enjoy deeper conversation when there is a blend of discussion about the lesson and about personal needs.

Be sure to give opportunity for each person to answer the "apply" questions if he or she is willing. One way to do this is to go around the room and let every single person either answer or politely pass to the next person.

Also, encourage people to give prayer requests. Praying for one another is a great way to strengthen relationships.