

# Connect Group Bible Study

Bringing God & People Together



## His Kingdom, His Culture

Matthew 9:35 – The Gospel of the Kingdom

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Open with invitation of the Spirit (prayer/music)

**Big Idea:** Disciples should teach the Bible & Proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom

### Background info:

Matthew 9:35 (ESV) And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

Matthew writes this summary statement regarding Jesus and His ministry. This highlights Jesus two main activities; teaching and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom. Where these activities occur there will be miracles such as healings. Matthew 9:35 also serves as something of a pivot point in Matthew's portrayal of Jesus. The focus changes from Jesus to the disciples. Jesus was providing an example to His disciples as to how they should minister also. Disciples today can follow Jesus by doing these two things also, teaching and proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom.

### Explore & Apply:

1 Timothy 6:2-4 (ESV) If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 4:3 (ESV) For the time is coming when people will not endure sound **teaching**, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves **teachers** to suit their own passions,

*Q: What should be taught? What should not be taught? Can you think of any examples?*

*Q: Will people always desire or enjoy being taught?*

Romans 1:16 (ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

*Q: What does it mean to be ashamed of the gospel? Can we sometimes be ashamed of the gospel?*

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## **All about Jesus:**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (ESV) Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

## **Further challenge (optional extras for the group):**

Galatians 1:6-8 (ESV) I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

*Q: What might be some distortions of the gospel of Christ?*

**Up & Coming Events @ C3 Thirroul:** Let us all be praying for, inviting & bringing people

\*Verve // Young Adult Service on October 13, 2013 5:45 pm

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