

Growth Group Reflection Questions—June 13 – 19

1. Which fun and festive “Dinner for 9” will you be attending this summer?
2. Read Matthew 25:31-40 to get into a focused frame of mind. Then take 60 seconds to be quiet before God, letting distractions and concerns fade from view (“*But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him*” –Hab. 2:20). Then thank God for your growth group and the chance to learn and grow with friends who care about you.
3. Think about how Hollywood movies depict “special agents.” How do they look? Where do they shop? What do they drive? How do they act. Paint the picture of a high-powered, special agent in your growth group.
4. In his message, Jim shared that Jesus enlisted a shockingly *un*-glamorous “A-Team” to serve as His “kingdom agents.” He mentioned five of them. Do you remember any? (Some hints: Some Oliver Twist-types, a red-light lady, a zombie, an IRS Agent, and Old Mother Hubbard.)
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:27. How does this verse reinforce the powerful points that Jim made in his message about who is called to carry out Jesus’ work on earth?
6. One of the unlikely Kingdom agents that Jim talked about was a Samaritan prostitute whom others looked down upon. Find John 4:39-41, and discover the amazing spiritual results of her outreach ministry to her community.
7. What thought, point, or story that Jim shared will stick with you and why?

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Matthew 9:9 -17 – Calling of Matthew

- It’s all about new wineskins.
- And they’re associated with the Harvest!

Olympics

- It’s time to “lower the bar”!
- Let everyone get into the game!

I. God Is Using The Least of These. (Matthew 25:40)

- We often interpret this verse as to the need to have sympathy for the poor but it’s much deeper than that.
- Jesus is comparing Himself with “the least of these.”
- They are the ones who will carry on His work on earth! (John 14:12)

1. Jesus received the little children (Matthew 19)

- Dirty robed Jewish street children.
- They had a special place in the heart of Jesus.

2. Samaritan woman (John 4)

- A non-Jewish prostitute!
- She brought her whole town to Jesus.

3. **Gadarene demoniac** (Mark 5)

- Thought he was quite demonized, there was something in him that wanted help.
- After being delivered he wanted to join Jesus' group of disciples.
- But Jesus sent him home and the next time in scripture we find churches all over that region!

4. **Zacheus** (Luke 19)

- Hated mafia boss of Jericho.
- Jesus meets his felt need by going to his home and eating with him.
- Faith comes to his whole household.

5. **Widow's mite** (Mark 12)

- Her coins were a larger gift than anyone else's offering.
- She didn't know she was poor.

Who does God use in these last days?

- The issue is not whether you're gifted or not.
- The issue is not whether you like doing something or not.
- The issue is whether you will be obedient or not.
- Obeying all that God has told me.