

DO I MISS SOMETHING?

Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website, www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE YOU START this small group lesson. It will allow you take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on your journey to greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

1. They missed WHAT GOD SAID

Matthew 22:23-32

What does it mean when it is said “the body was alive but inside the spirit was dead?”

- The Sadducees were asking Jesus a question about things they were dead to—Did they not believe? If not, what did they not believe in?
- What does being among the living mean?
- When you read the Scriptures, is God directly speaking to you?
- In ***Matt 22:31***—what were they missing?
- What did Jesus mean “They did not know the scriptures or the power of God?”
- How important is it to you and your family to study the Word of God?
- What else should we do with God’s Word?
- Jesus is the Word made flesh (***John 1:14***), the Creative power of God Almighty manifested in and through Jesus Christ. Does accepting this truth change the way you read and believe the Bible?

2. They missed THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 22:23-24

- Can we just cherry-pick Scripture verses to make a point or should we read the Word of God in its context? What does context mean to you?
- Who empowers us to understand the Scriptures? (read ***1 Corinthians 2:1-11***)
- Discuss: It is the Word of God, (Dynamite) in the hand of the Great Expert, (The Holy Spirit) that will take down the old building to make room for the new building? What does this mean?
- Read ***John 14:15-18*** What does it mean for you right now where you are?
- Read ***John 16:12 15*** What does it mean for you right now where you are?
- Do you have to be “born again” to know the power of God, or can you experience the resurrection life of God in your life without being “born again”?

3. They missed WHAT THE RESURRECTION IS ALL ABOUT

Matthew 22:29-32

- Why were the Sadducees asking about a women and her marriage situation?
- What is the meaning of resurrection?
- When you read ***John 3:1-15*** What is Jesus saying to all of us?

4. They missed THE POWER TO OBEY THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22:34-40

- How do you get to know the “Great Commandment?”
- How are you doing personally with fulfilling the “Great Commandment?”
- What’s the difference between KNOWING the great commandment and FULFILLING the great commandment?
- When you are doing your daily regular activities is the power to obey the great commandment active in you? How can you tell?
- Is there something I miss in my life that hinders me to obey the great commandment? And if so, are you willing to correct the problem by asking the Lord to change you and to provide what is missing?

Here are the outline questions one more time:

Do you miss WHAT GOD SAYS?

Do you miss THE KNOWLEDGE OF SCRIPTURE?

Do you miss WHAT THE RESURRECTION IS ALL ABOUT?

Do you miss THE POWER TO OBEY THE GREAT COMMANDMENT?