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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

December 22, 2013

Matthew's Gospel: Something Greater

Focus Text: Matthew 26.57-27-10

1. What is the context of this text? What has just happened before and now what is the setting?
2. As Jesus does on trial before the high priest and the Sanhedrin, what is their intent with this trial and why do the religious leaders want Him dead?
3. What does Caiaphas ask in light of what the false witnesses share and what does all that is said by both mean with Jesus' affirmative answer? How is Jesus something great (Matthew 12.6)? What is the temple that He is referring to that will be rebuilt and raised up (John 2.19-21)? What does Jesus proclaim by referring to Psalm 110.1 and Daniel 7.13 to Caiaphas' question about Him being the Christ and the Son of God?
4. How do we see the sinfulness of man in this text? In Caiaphas? Peter? Judas? Take a few minutes to discuss Peter's actions and think through how you might respond on that night. Would it have been much different than how Peter responded?
5. So, are you ready for Christmas? Remember that the love of God has come down in Jesus Christ. May His love mark your life this next week.

Pray.