

## Welcome

Would you rather repair something old or replace it with something new?



## Worship

Read Psalm 103:1–5, 8–13

And/or

Sing or listen to *His Mercy is More* by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa



## Word

Read Matthew 9.1-17

1. *Question 1 is optional. I have placed this in here for groups which are wanting a weekly pattern of study to help them keep the same pattern for the weeks when studies aren't prepared by me. Spend 15 minutes before the study thinking about the sub-questions below before coming to your group.*



*Before you begin the study form groups of two or three and have each person summarize the passage to the other one. Then, come back to the group and ask*

- a. *What stands out to you?*
  - b. *Where is God?*
  - c. *Where are we?*
  - d. *Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?*
2. What repeated reactions do you notice from different groups in this passage (friends, Pharisees, disciples of John)?
  3. What do Jesus' words and actions reveal about how He sees sin and forgiveness?
  4. Why do you think Jesus chooses meals and healing as moments to reveal the kingdom?
  5. What problem is Jesus addressing with the wineskins illustration?
  6. What surprises you most about Jesus' behaviour in this passage?
  7. How might this passage reshape how you talk about Jesus with people who feel far from church?

## Witness

- How could being open about Jesus' forgiveness, rather than your own goodness, point someone towards Him?

