

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - Matthew 9:9-13

**9** As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

**10** And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. **11** And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Other Passages:** Lk. 6:40, Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:6-8

### Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

### Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

### Challenge:

1. What do you think of Aaron's idea that, *how you react to criticism reveals what really matters to you*? Pause for a moment and consider things that immediately raise your heart rate when someone criticizes you.

2. Do you find within yourself that you respond like the Pharisees when you hear of some Christians interacting with "sinners"? What's the line for each of you personally between interacting with nonbelievers and not becoming like them? If you don't know, perhaps its time to specifically start interacting with non believers and trust the Holy Spirit to lead you.
3. Have you ever had someone say they want to mentor you? Have you ever mentored someone? You are further along than someone
4. What would it look like for you to invite an unsaved friend, or family, to join for small group one week? Could you open your group to someone who doesn't yet know Jesus but could experience his love in your group?
5. A few weeks ago we talked about the Good Samaritan, the religious leaders judged the broken man on the side of the road. There is a similar theme of criticism in both stories. Yet, the samaritan did his part, he carried the man to an innkeeper. What is your part in the great commission to make disciples, like Jesus made disciples? Are you inviting others to follow Jesus? If yes, share how! If not, be really honest, why you are not and pray for each other to have a desire to invite others to follow.

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**