



FaceTime Matthew

With whom are you spending time? Mostly believers? Unbelievers? Or both? Following Jesus transformed Matthew into a gutsy guy who got out of his comfort zone to bring believers and unbelievers together. Now, it's your turn to be gutsy. Let's discuss it!

Scripture:

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Matthew 9:9

Icebreaker and Intro Questions:

1. What in this series has shifted your perspective of Jesus?
2. What resonated with you from Sunday's service? (Sermon, scripture, song, etc.)

Discussion Questions

3. Read Matthew 9:9-13 quietly by yourself. Grab a pen or highlighter to underline everything that sticks out to you. Take some time to share what resonated with the rest of your group.
4. Reread, verse 12 together. What does this teach us about how Jesus viewed his ministry? How should this affect our lives?
5. Gabe described how Matthew was an outcast in their society. Can you think of an example of an outcast in our community? Have you had a time where you felt like the outcast?
6. In one of the clips, Jesus says to Peter, "Get used to different." He says this after he calls Matthew to follow him. How is the way of Jesus different from the world?

This week:

- We've put together several excellent resources for you to use during the Let It Go teaching series at West Side. Grow deeper in your faith and relationship with God with free Bible reading plans, video content, and more at wschurch.org/resources.

Notes: