

**Sermon Study | modgniK**  
**Inclusive | Matthew 9:9-13**  
**November 17, 2019**

**Warm-up Question: Describe a time in your life when you weren't invited to something and the feelings you experienced as a result.**

*\*Note to Leaders: Spend some time reading these verses together as a group. Maybe read them out loud or in a few different versions. Or print off the Scripture and take time as a group to underline and circle certain repeated words or things that stand out to you. You may also want to start off or end your time by checking in on anything that stood out from the sermon in general and/or the Daily Bible Readings over the course of the week!*

**Summary: There aren't degrees of sin. There's just sin. There aren't categories of people. There's just people. Jesus loves people and is the only one who has the power to free us from our sin. The good news is that Jesus says, "Come as you are!" The even better news is that Jesus refuses to leave us that way.**

**Read Matthew 9:9-13**

- Describe the scene in verse 9 and what is significant about Jesus's calling of Matthew.
- Compare Matthew's first step as a new disciple of Jesus (verse 10) with your own first step. Are there any people you abandoned or excluded based upon their lifestyle or reputation?
- What strikes you about Jesus's heart of inclusion in these two verses?
- What's so tragic about the question the Pharisees ask in verse 11? Even though you may never verbalize it, where might you be communicating through your actions, or even just thinking in your mind, that someone is not acceptable? How might you be categorizing people?
- Jesus doesn't even give the disciples a chance to answer the Pharisees. He jumps in himself and answers them in verses 12-13. What about his response stands out to you?

**Read Matthew 6:10, John 3:17, Ephesians 2:8-9, and Galatians 3:26-28**

- Jesus's invitation is for everyone. Have you accepted the invitation? If so, how can you start extending it to others, inviting people in your life to meet Jesus?
- We earn the right to speak any sort of truth into someone's life by leading with love. How can you better share the message of Jesus with others? How do you need to change your heart to lead with love and not judgement?

**REFLECT QUESTIONS**

- What is God saying to you through His word?
- How and when will you respond?

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