

# MATTHEW

March 13, 2022

Matthew 9:9-13

## READ

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Mark 2:13-17

Luke 5:27-32

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Matthew identifies himself as Matthew (v. 9). Mark & Luke identify him as Levi. Why do you suppose that is? What might it signify?
2. What is your understanding of tax collectors in the first-century? How would the calling of a tax collector to be a disciple be received by the public . . . Jesus' critics . . . and Jesus' other disciples?
3. How is the command to follow Jesus received by Matthew (Luke 5:28)? Unpack this portrait of discipleship.
4. What does Matthew do first as a follower of Jesus (v. 10)?

What is the impact on the attendees (Mark 2:15)?

What is the impact on Jesus' critics (v. 11; Luke 5:30)?

5. Who needs what (v. 12)? What does this depict?

How does this apply to Jesus?

To whom else, and how, does this apply?

6. What is it God desires (v. 13a)?

To whom is this truth directed? How does the quote (from Hosea 6:6) challenge their presumptions about God's priorities?

7. Who are the "righteous" Jesus did not come to call (v. 13b)? How are we to understand this designation?

Who, by contrast, are the "sinners"?

8. To what does Jesus call sinners (Luke 5:32)? Unpack the significance of this for a follower of Christ?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will use hospitality this week by . . .

I will walk in repentance this week by . . .