
SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9–13

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Acts 2:42–47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE:

- 1. To meet the desire for relational depth.**
- 2. To go, tell, and show people that Jesus is the one who can meet their deepest need.**

TWO QUESTIONS:

- 1. How is God drawing you to love and invest in particular people?**
- 2. How is God drawing other people to love and invest in you?**

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

What does this passage of the Bible show us about who God is and about his heart for people? His willingness to meet us where we are at?

Pastor Luke said, “christian community is lived out with followers of Jesus that are open to the Spirit’s work, an open bible and an open life.” How does the very essence of a life group accomplish these things?

How is God drawing you to love and invest in other people?

Where is God drawing other people to love and invest in you?

How can our life group pray for you this week?