



Matthew 9:9-13

Why Jesus Came

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Easy warm-up question

1. What is an especially meaningful memory (or two) about past Easter gatherings or Resurrection Celebration Gatherings?

The historical fact of Jesus' death and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

1. When and how did you first come to understand the truth of what Paul writes here?

Unpacking Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew 9:9 - For Mathew this is a major change of life direction moment.

1. In what ways was this moment so significant for Matthew?
2. Thinking about how Matthew responded to Jesus, do you think this was as easy as it sounds?
3. Looking back on your own life, how significant was the moment you decided to follow Jesus? Why? Or, put another way, what changed?

Matthew 9:10 - Matthew introduces Jesus to everyone he knows.

1. What might have motivated Matthew to host such a large gathering of people?
2. Notice the guest list. Would you have been invited? Would you have come?
3. These days, who is on your guest list (people you are inviting to come and meet Jesus)?
4. As a group, who on your list can we be helping you to get out the invitation to (praying with you, etc...)?

Matthew 9:11 - The Pharisee's question: Politics & Religion

1. For what reasons is it understandable that the Pharisees would have asked the question they did?
2. How have you seen the Pharisee's question being asked today? Have you ever asked this question yourself?

Matthew 9:12,13 - Jesus' answer = pushback with purpose

1. Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6. In the context of Hosea, what was God telling His people? How does Jesus apply this meaning to the Pharisees? How might this meaning apply to us?
2. How does Jesus describe Himself? These days, how is Jesus' description of Himself especially meaningful to you?

Processing all that... Three Takeaways:

1. Jesus came because He loves you.

(reference also: Romans 5:8)

- These days, how is this truth especially meaningful to you?

2. Jesus came for sinners.

- These days, how is this truth especially meaningful to you?

3. Jesus came to call us to Himself.

- These days, how is this truth especially meaningful to you?

Going farther...

1. In the days ahead, how will you personally share the reality and implications of Jesus' resurrection with others? (Also, consider this as a group question. How might our group be involved with each other in sharing the gospel with others?)