

Talking About Jesus in a Broken World

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Matthew 9:9-13

Big Idea: Talking about Jesus requires us to recognize that we do so out of brokenness, into brokenness, for wholeness.

Question: How do we talk about Jesus in a broken world?

Out of Brokenness

9 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. -Matthew 9:9

- He Knows
- He Loves
- He Invites

Into Brokenness

10 Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. 11 But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" -Matthew 9:10-11

- We Know
- We Love
- We invite

For Wholeness

12 When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." 13 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 9:12-13

- Know His purpose
- Join Him in His purpose

Questions:

1. Jesus said to Matthew, "Follow me and be my disciple." How do you think that made Matthew feel in light of his job as a lowly tax collector? How did you feel when you first heard Jesus's invitation for you to follow him?
2. Matthew invited all his 'sinner' friends to come meet Jesus; why do you think he did that?
3. Jesus says he came to call sinners. What would you say he calls them (us) to?