

SERMON NOTES

September 7 & 8, 2024

Jesus and the Real World

Matthew 9:9-13

How did Jesus call Matthew?

1. He _____ Matthew.

Matthew 9:9

Discipleship Challenge #1:

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2. He _____ his world.

Matthew 9:9

Discipleship Challenge #2:

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3. He _____ Matthew's world.

Matthew 9:10

Discipleship Challenge #3:

_____.

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 8:14-17

Reflect: Discipleship for Jesus began by meeting the needs around him. Today, ask God to lead you to the need, to lead you to the person you can help today.

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.

Tuesday

Matthew 9:9

Reflect: Jesus was not in a hurry to make a judgment about Matthew. Name one person in your world that maybe you've been quick to judge. Today, ask God to help you see them through his eyes.

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.

Wednesday

Mark 5:21-34

Reflect: Jesus always had a plan for what he was going to do every day. And yet, his plan didn't blind him to the reality of this woman in the crowd. As you plan your day, ask God to help you take time to notice someone on the morning commute, at the store, or anywhere else in public, and to then say a prayer for that person.

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.

Thursday

Matthew 9:9

Reflect: Jesus invited Matthew into his world, along with everything that came with associating with a tax collector. Name one person in your world that you try to avoid because of the drama that goes along with them. Today, ask God to show you how to step into their world without stepping into their drama.

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.

Friday

Matthew 9:10-13

Reflect: Jesus changed up his routine by sitting down at Matthew's table. Because of this, Jesus had the opportunity to minister to many other people in need. What is one way you could change up your routine today so you can be available to meet someone new and have a real conversation with them?

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.

Saturday

Proverbs 10:19,13:3

Reflect: These verses remind us of the wisdom in remaining silent. Challenge yourself today to go a full day without answering questions about your life that nobody else asked. Instead, ask someone else questions about their lives and listen.

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.

Sunday

Matthew 28:18-20

Reflect: Discipleship is not a Sunday affair. It is a 7-day-a-week, 24/7, 365-days-a-year affair. As you prepare for worship, reflect on how God used you this past week to help make disciples in the real world.

Pray: God, use me today to help one more person experience Jesus in their world.