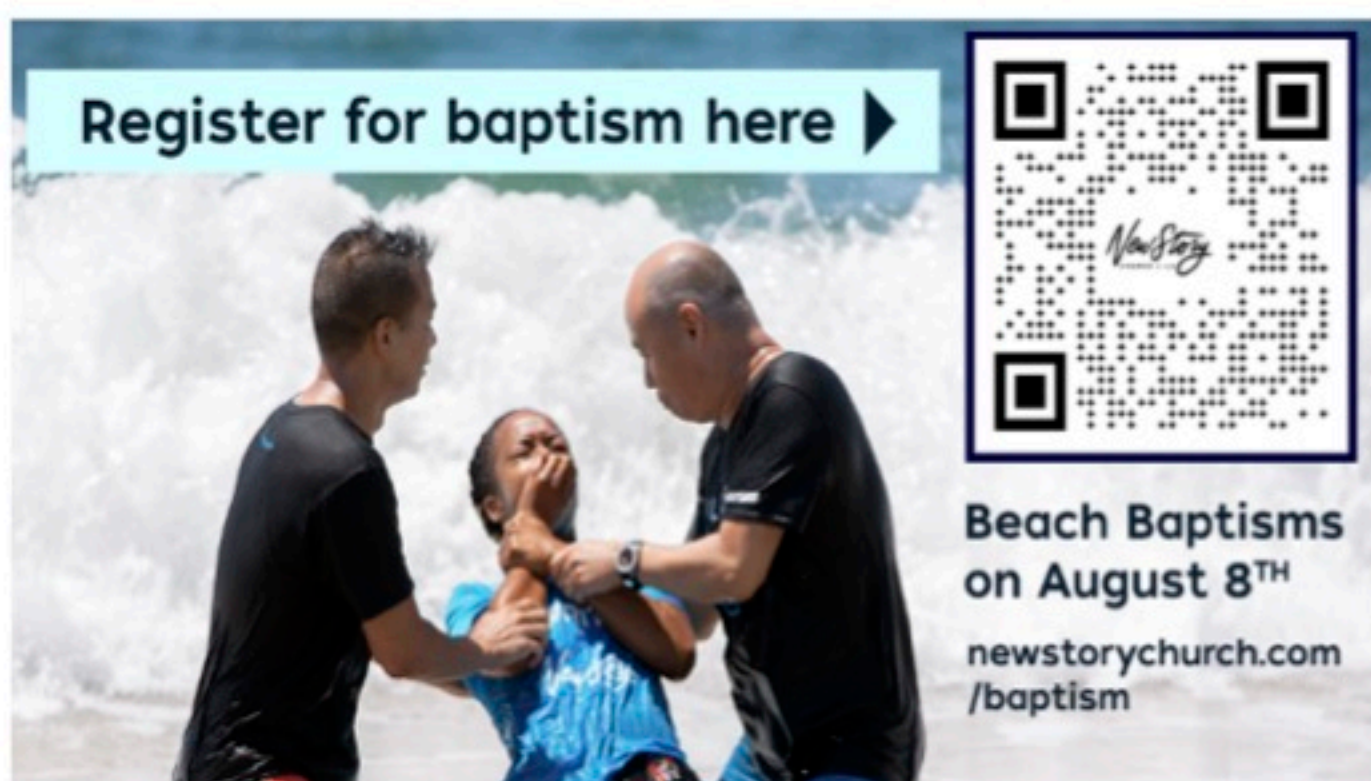**Series:** The Chosen

Part 4 – Jesus is Calling Us Out
Pastor David Kim

**Icebreaker:** How many of you have seen an episode of "The Chosen?" If you haven't seen an episode, what is preventing you from watching the show? Don't worry, there's no judgement!

1) Have you ever felt alone and isolated, or felt like an outcast and rejected? Please share the season of your life where you have felt this.

2) Read Matthew 9:9-13. Matthew 9 is a story about a character named Matthew and Jesus is calling him out to follow Him. He is a character who was an outcast, rejected, and alone. Why do you think tax collectors in the 1st century were despised and rejected?

3) In the show, Matthew is spending most of his time behind his tax booth, which resembles more of a cage. His tax booth symbolized everything that kept him from others, which kept him from God. We're a lot like Matthew in that we all have cages. Cages are aspects of our lives that keep us isolated and keep us from connecting with one another. What are some of our cages that prevent us from connecting to God and to one another?

4) Nothing we have done disqualifies us from the type of love and relationships God desires for us. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus sees things differently and He sees us differently AND He invites us into a relationship with Him and community with others?

5) Have you been missing the strength from others and the peace of God in the past 17 months? What next steps can you take as Jesus calls us from cages to community? And who is Jesus challenging you to invite into community?



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