



Jesus took a **RISK** to reach Matthew and his friends.

### 1. Jesus Reaches Through a **CROWD** to Call a **PERSON**

Jesus wasn't interested in gathering a **CROWD**, He was starting a **MOVEMENT**

Matthew trusted that the life **JESUS** offered Him would be more abundant, more full and free than the **LIFE** he had been living.

### 2. Jesus Risks His **REPUTATION** to Reach **SINNERS**

"...they **RECLINED** at the table..."

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**" John 1:14

Grace without Truth is **DEADLY**  
Truth without Grace is **HOPELESS**

LOVING PEOPLE REQUIRES **RISK**  
FEEDING PEOPLE CREATES **FAMILY**

### 3. Jesus Runs a **HOSPITAL**, not a **HOTEL**

PEOPLE THAT SEE THE CHURCH MORE LIKE A **HOTEL** MIGHT SAY OR ASK:

- "What activities do they offer?"
- "What kind of people go there?"
- "What if I want to change/cancel my reservation?"

PEOPLE THAT SEE THE CHURCH MORE LIKE A  
**HOSPITAL** MIGHT SAY OR ASK:

- "How many people can we help?"
- "Who do I know that needs help?"
- "Whose life can we help change today?"

DO YOU VIEW THE CHURCH MORE LIKE A  
HOTEL OR MORE LIKE A HOSPITAL?

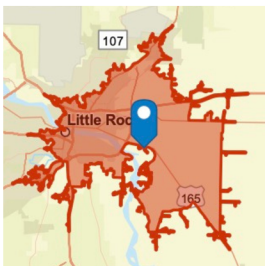
Ask yourself...

- "Do I desire to see as many people as possible find Jesus and discover the cure for their sin?"
- "Do I see the church as a hospital with a goal to introduce as many people as we can to the great physician, Jesus?"

Every "hospital" should be on MISSION to save as many lives as possible.

- "Do I often complain about things that really don't matter in light of eternity?"
- "Do I decide if and to what degree I want to participate based on the programming offered?"

If we get more passionate about the kind of decor we have than the fact our baptistry stays dry far too often it likely reflects that we are beginning to see church more like a hotel than a hospital.



**WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THIS BUILDING:**

- 27,989 people with no church family
- 25,323 people that don't know Jesus