

Love Does: Follow Me!

Matthew 9:9-13
February 10, 2019 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

"[Jesus said] Go and learn what this means, 'I desire MERCY, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the RIGHTEOUS but SINNERS." -Matthew 9:13

Following Jesus is not a <u>BUSINESS</u> trip walked on a sidewalk; it's an <u>ADVENTURE</u> worked out on a steep and sometimes difficult trail.

When Jesus called Matthew, He was calling a man who lived his life in a TOLL BOOTH to a life as a DISCIPLE and APOSTLE.

God calls us to leave one thing <u>BEHIND</u> for something better that is <u>AHEAD</u>.

God is gracious enough to **INVOLVE** us in His plan of salvation.

Jesus invited people to follow at the...

- **BEGINNING** (the unknown),
- MIDDLE (when it comes with a cost), and
- END (when you fully know what you're getting into) of His ministry.

INVITATION: Come back on Wednesday for our "Love Does" Bible study →

CHALLENGE: Take your first, next step toward addressing one of the world's problems.

Wednesdays: 5:30 pm - Family Mealtime 6:00 pm - Nursery,AWANA, and Jr. High SSM 6:15 pm - Adult Bible Study 7:30 pm - Head home