



Sermon Discussion Questions - June 12 & 14, 2026
Matthew Part 3: Week 6
Matthew 9:9-17

Ice Breaker: *In this week's passage, Jesus challenges the old ways of thinking and introduces something completely new through His kingdom.*

- **Q1: Have you ever been convinced there was only one “right way” to do something, only to discover someone else did it very differently? How did you react?**

Read Matthew 9:9-17 together. Jesus called Matthew while he was still a tax collector, not after he cleaned up his life.

- **Q2: What does Jesus's interaction with Matthew teach us about how He sees people? How is that different from how we often see ourselves or others?**

The Pharisees criticized Jesus for spending time with tax collectors and sinners, thinking that they were better than those people.

- **Q3: What are some ways pride can keep you from recognizing your need for Jesus?**
- **Q4: Who are some people or groups that you may be tempted to overlook, avoid, or assume are beyond God's reach?**

The Pharisees were focused on religious performance but missed the heart of God—mercy, compassion, and love.

- **Q5: Where do you see that same temptation in your own life?**

The sermon talked about how both new believers and longtime Christians can be tempted to simply add Jesus to their old lives instead of fully following Him.

- **Q6: Have there been times when you tried to fit Jesus into your existing plans rather than allowing Him to reshape your priorities or direction?**

Throughout this passage, Jesus challenges people's expectations about who the Messiah would be and what His kingdom would look like.

- **Q7: Have any of your assumptions or expectations about God or the Christian life changed over time? If so, how?**
- **Q8: Is there an area of your life where Jesus may be inviting you into something new, but you've been hesitant to follow? What would obedience look like for you this week?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!