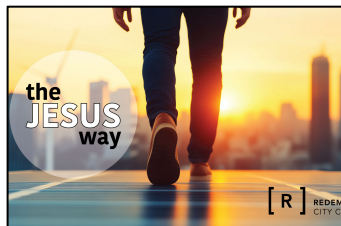




REDEMPTION
CITY CHURCH

THE JESUS WAY "The Intentional Way." Matthew 9:9-13



STICKY STATEMENT: YOU WILL NEVER HELP PEOPLE TAKE A STEP TOWARDS JESUS ACCIDENTLY, ONLY INTENTIONALLY.

THE JESUS WAY = centering our entire life around... Being with Jesus.
Become like Jesus. Doing what Jesus did.

John 14:6 "I am the way... the truth and the life..."

THE JESUS _____ + THE JESUS _____ = THE JESUS LIFE.

**Someone else's REDEMPTION will be on the other side
of your INTENTION.**

"⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." **Matthew 9:9-13**

**There are 3 intentional steps we have to take
if we're going to live out the JESUS WAY.**

**1. SEE WHO PEOPLE CAN _____, NOT WHAT
THEY'VE DONE. (V9)**

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." **Romans 15:7**

"As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; [and] He said to him, "Follow Me!" and he got up and followed Him" v9

Acceptance: "Intentionally receiving another person unconditionally; to ACCEPT & LOVE another person despite their faults-even at their point failure."

Relational Discipleship Moment: REFLECT and SHARE. Who is that person in your life that GOD wants you to start seeing differently?
(Kids, Spouse, family member, a friend...)

Maybe you've been defining them by their mistakes, past or failures ... **what if...** God wants to use you to change their life through seeing them like Jesus does.
Share with 1-2 people around you.

**2. STEP INTO PEOPLE'S WORLD TO _____,
NOT CORRECT. (v10)**

"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples." v10

"So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."
1 Thes. 2:8

**Sharing your faith is giving an answer... BUT
sharing your life is living that answer.**

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of it."¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." John 17:16-18

3. _____ AWAY WHAT JESUS GAVE TO US. (v11-13)

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

mercy" = (éleos) a continual, ongoing, unending state of mercy.

People are not projects to fix, BUT people to LOVE!

DO THE WORD: "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:21-23

Where do you need mercy in your life this morning?
Who do you need to give mercy to?