

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Ready or Resistant” – Pastor Chad Gilligan

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- 1) What is your typical response when an event or situation catches you by surprise?**

Read Matthew 9:9 – “As 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.”

- 2) Following requires leaving something. Where have you experienced this in your own life?**

Read 1 Peter 3:15 – “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”

- 3) What keeps Christians from sharing about Jesus?**
- 4) What are practical steps Christians can use when trying to share Jesus to the people in their lives?**

Read Matthew 9:11 – “When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’”

- 5) How does mercy influence our outlook on the people and world around us?**

Read Isaiah 43:19 – “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

- 6) Why can we be so resistant to something new?**
- 7) How should we prepare for new things in our life that we may not see or understand right away?**

Prayer: Take a moment to pray for the “new” God may be calling you to.