

9. What are the two characteristics that keep us from recognizing our need for God?
 - a.
 - b.
10. What problem was raised about this story and what do we need to remember?
11. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?

Response - Making it Practical



1. What tensions does this passage raise for you when thinking about difficult people in your life?
2. How can we personally protect ourselves from becoming too exclusive?

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Walk This Way - Part 2

Matthew 9:9-13

Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Matthew 9:9-13 - April 30, 2017

We don't mean to do it, and in many ways we could claim we are being biblical - but if we are not careful, we have the potential to make one big mistake with the Gospel.

In this message we look at an interaction Jesus had that illustrates how easily we can make this mistake.



Study - Discovering What the Bible Says



1. What is one thing that stood out for you from last week's study?
2. As a review from last week, what was the definition given again this week for the term disciple? Of the two dimensions given, which one is harder for you?
 - a. The process of _____
 - b. Dimension #1 – Personal Growth
 - c. Dimension #2 – Community Service

3. What was presented in the message as the one word that can sometimes describe a believer's attitude when it comes to the Gospel?

Read Matthew 9:9-13

4. What makes the context of this story so fascinating?
5. This passage is taught in evangelism classes as the "Matthew Party Principle"? What then, does this passage teach about reaching others?
6. What does the rhetoric used by the religious leaders tell us about not only them, but of those who would have been on the receiving end?
7. How do you respond to the revelation that Jesus, a perfect person, attracted all the imperfect people?
8. In verses 12-13, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6. What is at the core of Jesus' rebuke to them?