

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2021

GOD OF MERCY

Matthew 9:9-13



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Take note of any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Have your bibles open to Luke 5:28 and Mark 2:13. These are accounts of the same story in Matthew. As you read through the different accounts, compare and contrast. What do the other authors tell us about the story?
- Looking back at the Gospel of Matthew, what do you notice about what happens after Jesus calls Matthew to follow him? Who is at the table with Jesus? What does this tell us about the ministry of Jesus?
- Take some time to meditate on verse 12. What does Jesus mean when he says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."
- Jesus quotes Hosea, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice" turn to Hosea 6:6. Why did Jesus quote this?
- What do you think Evangelism should look like for our current cultural context? What does this say about the world? What does it look like to engage others about Jesus in a culture often hostile towards religion?

Memory Verse:
Matthew 9:12-13

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."