

Leaders welcome outcasts and sinners

Matthew 9:9-13

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

Whom does Jesus call and eat with, and how does he answer the Pharisees?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

Which people have you, perhaps without noticing, treated as too far gone for your group?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

Whom that others avoid will you welcome this week — invite, eat with, include?

4. Who will I tell?

How will you lead your group this week to make room for someone labeled a 'sinner'?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

★ Pray

Jesus, you called Matthew from the tax booth and sat at his table. Teach me mercy, and make my table — and our group — a place where sinners meet you.



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