



Jesus and Matthew
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Read Matthew 9:9-11

As you read about the encounter with Matthew and Jesus, what catches your attention? What is the significance of this interaction?

Read Matthew 23:4 and Matthew 11:9

What does Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners teach his followers? How can this lesson be incorporated into each of our lives?

What is the pharisees attitude toward people outside of their group? What is their reaction to Jesus?

In what ways have you seen churches “tie up heavy and burdensome loads and lay them on men’s shoulders”?

What is the difference between seeker sensitive and seeker oriented?

Matthew 9:12-13 and Luke 19:10

What is Jesus’ goal in these interactions? How do you reflect Jesus’s mission when you interact with unbelievers? How can you grow in this area?

Read James 2:1-4

Who is Jesus speaking to? How is he directing us to act toward others? How does this scripture apply to hospitality at Woodland Hills Family Church?

Read Romans 15:1-9

Imagine how hard it was for the Jews (God’s chosen people) to welcome the Gentiles into the faith. Why would this be a difficult thing for them? As a Gentile, how would it feel to know you could be welcomed into God’s family? Does your gratitude affect how you respond to others who are outsiders?

Read 1 Peter 4:9

We are to offer hospitality without grumbling. Are there situations related to hospitality that can easily cause you to grumble? In what ways can we warmly welcome our guests even if we are not on the “welcome team”?

Have you ever noticed that the root word for hospitality is hospital? Why is that important? Share about a time when someone’s hospitality led to healing in your life?