Loving People Open To The Gospel

Learning to Love Like Jesus

Matt 9:9-13
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See People, Don’t Just Look At Them

- See Needs
- See Spiritual Questions
- See Willingness to Invest/Explore
- See Persistence despite obstacles

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Matt 9:9
See Where People Are Hurting

• I desire mercy
• Not sacrifice
• I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

“But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”
Matt 9:13
Don’t Be Afraid Of Opposition, Complaints Or Offences.

• **Opposition was normal**
• **Complaints were consistent**
• **Offences were regular**

“When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"  
**Matt 9:11**
Issue A Clear Call To Follow Jesus

- Understand who Jesus is
- Understand your sinfulness
- Understand faith

“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.”

Matt 9:9
My Encouragement To You...

- Pray and ask God to open your eyes to others
- Prepare yourself to ask one simple question...
  “Is there something I can pray about for you?”
- Prayerfully consider being 1 of 35

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working!”  

John 5:17