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 La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Invite: Discovering The Power Of Invitation
Episode 1: The Calling Of Matthew
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Matthew 9:9-13	Mark 2:13-17	Luke 5:27-32
<p>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.</p> <p>¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.</p> <p>¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"</p> <p>¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ <u>But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'</u> For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."</p>	<p>Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.</p> <p>¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"</p> <p>¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."</p>	<p>After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.</p> <p>²⁹ <u>Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house,</u> and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"</p> <p>³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."</p>

The invitation of Jesus to Matthew was one of _____.

1. **Matthew 9** 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.
2. **Matthew 9:4** **Knowing** their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?
 - "Saw" /eídō ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane. 1492 (eídō) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing.

What did Jesus see in Matthew?

Invitation brings us to the crossroads of _____.

- **Jesus took action** after “seeing” Matthew saying, **“Follow Me.”**
- **Matthew accepted the invitation:** *“Levi got up, left everything and followed Him.”*
Luke 5:28
- **Matthew reciprocates the invitation.** Luke 5:29 *Then Levi held a **great** banquet for Jesus at his house,*

What did the Pharisees see when they came to the banquet?

Who had Jesus invited to follow Him?

Improving Your Spiritual Eyesight

1. Where are you being invited to _____?
2. What are you inviting _____?
3. Who are you inviting to your _____?

Questions personal reflection or to be used in one of our community groups.

1. Describe in your own words what spiritual eyesight is to you?
2. What would Jesus saying, “follow me” mean to you personally?
3. Respond to the 3 questions in the above section entitled, “Improving your eyesight.”