

# HELP! (GET BACK TO THE GOSPEL)

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#### **MATTHEW 9:9-13 (NIV)**

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. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

#### **ROMANS 3:9-13 (NIV)**

9 Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. 10 As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous— not even one.

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

# NOTES (THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



### **GOING DEEPER**

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

#### **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

What was your favorite meal ever? Who did you share it with?

Read Matthew 9:9-13. If this story were happening today, who do you think people would be surprised to see Jesus eating? Who would give you pause?

What is Jesus' answer to the Pharisees? Who in the story is sick? To "sin" means to "miss the mark" or "fall short." Read Romans 3:21-25. Who is a sinner? How does it make you feel to learn that Jesus loves "sinners?"

How do the Pharisees see themselves? What is keeping them from sharing the meal with Jesus? How can you apply this in your life?

#### A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Romans 3:22 (NLT) - We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

#### TAKE A STEP:

As we "get back" to normal routines this fall, what are some healthy habits you can include to grow in your faith?



## ALLIN, TOGETHER

#### **GENERAL OFFERING**

 2023 Weekly Budget:
 \$10,187

 Given August 6th:
 \$7,208

 Difference:
 (\$2,979)

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724 2023 Budget YTD: \$315,797 2023 Given YTD: \$277,253 Difference: (\$38,544)

#### **BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND**

BYC August 6th: \$2,908 BYC YTD: \$73,552 BYC Total Given: \$396,044

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