



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - April 6, 2025

Eating with Sinners  
Matthew 9:9-13

I. Jesus CALLS - 9:9

A. The Untrustworthy

B. The Unclean

C. The Usable

## II. Jesus CLARIFIES - 9:10-12

A. He hears you

B. He knows you

C. He rebukes you

## III. Jesus CONVICTS - 9:13

A. The Miss

B. The Message

## *Life Group Study Questions*

### *Eating with Sinners*

#### *Matthew 9:9-13*

1. Share the last time you were in a space with someone who caused you to feel uncomfortable. Did you wrestle with this moment as a believer? Why?
2. Why would Christ's calling of Matthew be a surprise and a struggle for the first century Jewish disciple?
3. How was Matthew's choice to follow Christ more costly than the rest of Christ's followers?
4. Jesus "hears" the Pharisees' indictment even though they don't make it directly. How does the fact that Christ is aware of ALL of our prideful self-righteousness strike you?
5. Jesus exposes the Pharisees by giving them the illustration of a doctor prioritizing the sick over the healthy. How does this moment show the heart of the Pharisees? What had they missed?
6. Jesus lets the Pharisees know that in their pride they had missed what Scripture teaches about salvation. How do you respond when you are told you're wrong about your area of expertise?
7. What does the illustration of Hosea and Gomer teach us about God's requirement of compassion and humility if we are going to follow Him?

8. Jesus makes it clear that He came to save sinners. Only those who humbly acknowledge this about themselves will be saved and experience salvation. Have you come to this place?

9. Pray for each other and ask God for a humble heart that rejects self-righteousness and fully embraces Christ's compassionate grace as the source of salvation.