

## Matthew 9:9-13

### Intro/Starter

Are you more tempted to:

(i) feel good enough for God; or

(ii) wonder how you could possibly be good enough for God?

Why?

### Bible

Read Matthew 9:9-13.

### Jesus' Call

From verse 9, what surprises you?

Compare Matthew's response with other responses to Jesus that we have seen so far (e.g. 8:27; 8:34; 9:3; 9:8). In what ways are these earlier responses inappropriate or inadequate in light of Matthew's response?

In what ways is Matthew's response a model for us?

What does Matthew's response tell us about Jesus?

## **Jesus' mission**

What problem do the Pharisees have with Jesus (vv. 10-11)?

What insights into Jesus' mission are we given from Jesus':

- i) Illustration (v. 12)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii) Quote from the Old Testament (v. 13)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- iii) Purpose statement (v. 13)?

Given Jesus' words and actions in this passage, how would you respond to someone who:

- i) Felt that they were good enough for God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii) Wondered how they could possibly be good enough for God?