



## Week of Jun 11 - a

### Scripture: Mt 9:9-13

**Main Idea:** Jesus calls a most unlikely candidate to become one of the twelve apostles, Matthew the tax collector. This story shows us that Jesus was not afraid to be around those viewed as sinful. He points out that they are the ones who need God the most.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** If you know someone who doesn't believe in God, should you avoid being around that person? What would Jesus tell us to do? Maybe if you are their friend, you can help them to someday believe in Jesus like you do.

**Grade school:** Why does a person go to school to become a doctor? They go to school to learn how to help sick people to become healthy. Why did Jesus come to earth? He came for a similar reason. He came to help spiritually sick people become spiritually healthy.

**Teen:** Do sinners desire to know Jesus? Do you respond to unbelievers as Jesus did (showing them his love and desire for them to know him), or like the Pharisees (who think sinners should be shunned)? What does "I desire compassion, not sacrifice" mean?

**Adult:** What do you think of when you hear "Dirty Jobs?" For some of us, we think of a television show where the star visits people with unusual jobs, many of them ones that involve some messy, dirty type of clean up. How would you feel if you knew that no one wanted to see you come calling because you had done something despicable? Wait, you say. My job's not like that. Step into God's shoes. We all have done something despicable, probably today; maybe in the last hour. How does that change your attitude toward others and their sins?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to give us a heart for people struggling with sin. May we want to reach them the way Jesus did.

#### June Memory Verse:

#### Psalm 107:1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!



## Week of Jun 11 - b

### Scripture: Mt 9:18-22

**Main Idea:** People knew Jesus could heal, but this story shows his power in even greater ways. One woman is healed because of her faith when she simply touches the fringe of Jesus' clothes. Then he goes to a house and raises from the dead a ruler's daughter. People's faith in Jesus continued to increase. Do you have this kind of faith?

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Do you believe that God can do anything you ask him to do? When we pray, it is important we really believe God hears us and can help us.

**Grade school:** Do you believe in Jesus? Do you have faith that he can help you if you ask for it in prayer? We won't see Jesus doing actual miracles with our eyes. Can you think of a time that you were able to see an answer to a prayer?

**Teen:** How important is our faith? Why is it so important? The Greek word for courage means comfort, or to be of good cheer. Does knowing the power of Jesus, and having prayers answered, bring you comfort or good cheer?

**Adult:** Our reading today is still early in Jesus' ministry. But he had been doing miracles for some time and the news had spread. Both instances of healing show someone who had heard and came to Jesus in search of healing. How do you think they felt? Were they fearful of being turned away? Did they wonder if Jesus could help in their particular circumstance? Are we ever caught in that mindset of "I'm too far gone?" Ephesians 3:20-21 says God can do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. Notice those underlined words and how they should change our view of what God can do for us. How do we get past the focus on us and our failings and instead direct our thoughts to the unlimited power he has?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to help our faith increase more and for it to lead us to trust him more.

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