

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Did you come to know Christ through an invitation to church? Describe what happened.

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read 1 John 4:9-12.
 - a. In what specific ways has God has been generous in demonstrating his love for you, personally?
3. What do you think about this quote? "The way you store up treasure in heaven is by investing in getting people there." (Rick Warren). Do you agree or disagree?
4. Please read Matthew 9:9.
 - a. What kind of person was Matthew?
 - b. What was his job? Who were Tax Collectors during the days of Jesus?
 - c. Jesus invited Matthew to follow Him, what does this say about the heart of Jesus?
5. What two things did Jesus ask of Matthew?
 - a. What's the difference between the two requests?
 - b. Is it possible to be a "follower" and not a "disciple?" How do you know the difference?
6. Please read Matthew 9:10.
 - a. Who did Matthew invite to his house?

- b. What do you think was going on in the mind of Matthew?**
- 7. Many times, we separate “church friends” from our “outside friends”. Matthew brought both circles together. Do you have a tendency to keep these two circles separate? Explain.**
- 8. Please read Matthew 9:11-13.**
 - a. What does this passage say about Jesus?**
 - b. What does it say about the mission of Jesus?**
- 9. In the last month, how many people have you invited to church? Why or why not?**
- 10. According to the message over the weekend, what was the most audacious commandment for the disciples? (Hint Matthew 28)**
- 11. How would a building help ThornCreek fulfill the Great Commission?**

Application

Did you write someone's name down on PRAY? (If not, pick someone now that you will pray for)

- Pray for them every day, between now and Christmas Day.**
- Commit to inviting them to church sometime between now and Christmas Eve services.**

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