

**Series: Jesus the Friend of...  
The "Sinners"**

**Matt 9:9-13 NLT** <sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

**Sometimes we have to make tough \_\_\_\_\_ when following Jesus.**

<sup>10</sup> Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.

**When God welcomes us into His family, let's not forget to \_\_\_\_\_ this good news.**

<sup>11</sup> But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

**We have \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus because we have been created in the image of God!!**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."

**The "sinners," were \_\_\_\_\_ enough to recognize that something was \_\_\_\_\_ .**

<sup>13</sup> Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.'"

**Hosea 6:4-7, 9 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> "O Israel and Judah, what should I do with you?" asks the LORD. "For your love vanishes like the morning mist and disappears like dew in the sunlight. <sup>5</sup> I sent my prophets to cut you to pieces— to slaughter you with my words, with judgments as inescapable as light. <sup>6</sup> I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings. <sup>7</sup> But like Adam, you broke my covenant and betrayed my trust. ... <sup>9</sup> Priests form bands of robbers, waiting in ambush for their victims.

**God is begging His people to make \_\_\_\_\_ more important than \_\_\_\_\_ !!**

For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

**If we think \_\_\_\_\_ our sin condition is beneath us we will miss out on God's \_\_\_\_\_ .**