



Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 9:9-17 // The God Who Breaks All The Rules

- Pastor Jeff talked about the “Why?” question we sometimes ask of God – especially why God seems to be blessing people who don’t deserve it and we’re struggling. When do you tend to struggle with those “Why?” questions? What triggers that for you?
- The Pharisees struggled to make sense of Jesus hanging out with ungodly people who do bad things. What rules do you use to define who’s good and who’s bad? What people are on the “outside” for you? Why?
- Sometimes we feel we’re better than others because maybe our sins don’t seem as serious. What do you consider “little” sins? Why?
- People who knew they were sinners felt welcomed and comfortable around Jesus. What does that look like in your life for the non-Christians around you?
- Are there things that you’re ashamed to acknowledge even to God? Why? How does Jesus eating with “sinners and tax collectors” encourage you?
- Jesus tells John’s disciples that the heart of his Kingdom isn’t hating the world, self-denial, and lament, but joy like a wedding celebration. How does that shape your view of what it means to follow Jesus and reflect him to the world?



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