

Week 4 – Hope for Sinners

Video Introduction:

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Making Deeper Connections to the Bible

Video Notes:

Discussion Session #1

- What did you hear that you have not heard before?
- What risk did Jesus take calling Matthew to be a disciple?
- How easy is it to forgive those whose lives are so different, maybe even repugnant to our own?
- As a faith community, who do you think we are more like, the Pharisees or Jesus?

Connecting the Bible to life.

Video Notes:

Discussion Session #2

- Why do you think it is so hard for Christians to follow Jesus' example to associate with sinners and other outcasts?
- As a community, we say that we are welcoming – but are we?
 - o If we were to be truly welcoming, like Jesus, what might we witness?
- The speaker today said we should bring people to Jesus, not try to take Jesus to them. What about the approach to help them know Jesus who is already there?

Over the next Week

Read Luke 19:1-10

- In this reading, Jesus once again eats with a tax collector. Think back to the time, when like Zacchaeus, you first encountered Jesus and note any feelings or observations of your experience.
- Spend some time this week, reflecting on how your story might inspire or support those who are just beginning their own journeys of faith? Then, offer a short prayer each day this week asking God to help you help someone else to meet Jesus too.