

Befriend Outcasts

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Matthew 9:1-38

“...Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matthew 9:12-13, ESV)

Introduction

Jesus became friends with those who were often bypassed. Today, let’s look at Matthew Chapter 9 and consider who they were for example.

1. Those who are considered failures

- A. Sin (9:1-13)
- B. Disappointment (9:14-17)

2. Those who are hopeless

- A. Death (9:18-19, 23-26)
- B. Because of sickness (9:20-22)
- C. Handicaps (9:27-34)

3. Those who are harassed

- A. The crowds (9:36)
- B. The laborers (9:37-38)

For our prayers, study, discussion, and application

1. Have you ever experienced failure?
2. What hope has Jesus given you?
3. Do you know anyone around you who may feel like they’ve been bypassed?

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