



### **5/4/25 – The Table – The Tax Collector's Table**

1. When in your life have you been thankful that a doctor was available to help you?
2. Read Matthew 9:9-13. Why do you think Jesus chose a hated tax collector to join His group of disciples?
3. Why do you think Matthew left his high paying job with the Roman government immediately to follow Jesus?
4. How do you think Jesus' disciples felt about attending the party at Matthew's house with so many tax collectors and sinners?
5. Why would the Pharisees ask the disciples and not Jesus about why Jesus ate with these sinful people?
6. What does Jesus want them to learn about God desiring mercy and not sacrifice?
7. Who has God put in your life that needs your mercy, friendship, or encouragement to follow Jesus?

Other verses to consider: Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 23:23