



LIVING ON MISSION

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Matthew 9:9-13

If The Bridge Church were a missionary to Central Fresno what would it be doing?

If you were a missionary to... What would you be doing?

Living on mission means inviting 'sinners' to explore life with Jesus in the safety of non-judging relationships

people are more important than principles — vv. 9-10, 12, 13b

NEXT STEP: this week I will spend time with someone I've previously labeled a 'sinner'

exploration is initially more important than explanation — vv. 9-10

NEXT STEP: this week I will invite someone to explore life with Jesus

relationships are more important than religion — vv. 11-13a

NEXT STEP: this week I will start a conversation with someone I've previously judged



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

Lesson Aim: To grow in our desire to live on mission for Jesus.

1. **READ Matthew 5:1-16.** Based on the qualities described in verses 1-12, is the light of your life shining like a 300-watt light bulb? 100-watt? A flickering candle? Why?
2. How can Jesus enable you to “shine brighter”?
3. **READ Matthew 9:9-13.** What is surprising about Jesus’ choice of Matthew?

4. What is the irony in Jesus’ response to the Pharisees?

5. Who are a few “Matthews” around you? How might you be able to follow Jesus’ example in reaching out to them?

Daily Devotional Plan – Take a closer look at the life of Jesus as we learn what it means to follow Him.

Day 1 – Mark 8

Day 2 – Mark 9

Day 3 – Mark 10

Day 4 – Mark 11

Day 5 – Mark 12

Day 6 – Mark 13

Day 7 – Mark 14