

Find and Follow-Discussion Questions Week Five

- 1) In this week's message, Pastor Aaron reminds us that Matthew was a tax collector before he became a disciple. At that time in history, tax collectors were hated and looked down upon because they sided with the Roman government over people. What does it mean to you that Jesus chose Matthew as a disciple? Read Matthew 9:9-13 as you answer the question.
- 2) Pastor Aaron reminds us that Jesus invites Matthew to follow Him and then invites Matthew to invite others to follow Him, too. How often do you share your faith with others? Do you find it difficult? Why or why not?
- 3) Read Matthew 28:18-20: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Making disciples is the center of what Jesus told them at this time in history and tells us to do today. What has the series taught you about making disciples?
- 4) In the message, Pastor Aaron reminds us that when the Pharisees saw the celebration at Matthew's home, they asked the disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" What was Jesus' reply in Matthew chapter 9:9-13? How do Jesus' words sit with you? Why?
- 5) In the message, Pastor Aaron shares how Henry Nouwen describes hospitality. Henry Nouwen says,
 - It's opening up space at our tables.
 - It's opening up space in our hearts.
 - It's opening up spaces in our groups.
 - It's opening up spaces in our lives.
 - It's opening up space for other people.How can you begin to open up space to live a life of hospitality?
- 6) As you navigate the path of following Jesus and fulfilling the Great Commission, how have you experienced God's guidance? What is God stirring in you, especially after hearing Pastor Aaron share John Harper's story from the Titanic?
- 7) At the beginning of the series, we asked you to write a prayer asking God to help you trust Him and grow in your faith over the five weeks. Did you write a prayer? Have you been praying it to God throughout the series? If so, what have you seen God do in you and through you over the five weeks? If not, write a prayer now and commit to being a disciple of Jesus yourself so you can help others become disciples of Jesus, too.