



Jesus Says

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Introduction:

- Church like “Simon Says”?
- Jesus’ invitation was “Follow me”

From “Jesus says” to “Follow”

1. Jesus asks Matthew to follow

- Even though _____
- Matthew’s friends _____
- Matthew and his friends _____
- Matthew is in, _____

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Matthew 9:9-13 NRSV

Do you not realize that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Romans 2:4 NRSV

2. Following Jesus: _____

- Being _____ does not disqualify you
- Being _____ does not disqualify you
- The invitation to follow is _____

Next Steps:

- I commit to follow Jesus with my life
- I will work on my relationship with God by:

- I feel like I’m on the outside when it comes to God. Pray that I will learn how to follow
- I struggle with focusing more on knowing than on following. I commit to change my focus
- _____