Who Needs Jesus?

To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

January 24, 2021 ◆ Rev. KC Wong ◆ Matthew 9:9-13

Getting started:

1. Jesus **Walks** to the Needy   (Matthew 9:9)

2. Jesus **Attracts** the Needy   (Matthew 9:10)

3. Jesus **is there** for the Needy   (Matthew 9:11-13)
    i. The Healthy and The Sick

    ii. The Sinners and the Righteous

Wrapping up:

Sermonlater …

1. Matthew 9:10 says, "While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples".

   a. Who were the tax collectors? Who were the sinners? Who do you think this verse referred to when it says "sinners"?

   b. What implications do you see in **"**many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples"?

   c. Imagine that while we are enjoying our fellowship with the brothers and sisters we know and love, and out of the blue, some strangers pop in and join us …

      i. What is your first reaction (expressed or not expressed)? How does your initial reaction make our visitors felt?

      ii. Does our reaction toward strangers reflect how far/ close we are from the ideal of being an outward-focused, Evangelistic Church?

2. Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees that, "He eats with tax collectors and sinners?" (Matthew 9:11)

   a. … Compare and contrast the difference(s) between "*Jesus eats with the tax-collectors and sinners*" and sometimes the need to share a table with strangers in a packed restaurant in our modern day.

   b. … How should you treat people who are different from you?

3. Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." And He said, "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

   a. We believe that everyone needs Jesus! If so, then who are the "healthy" and who are the "sick" if only the sick need a doctor/ Jesus?

   b. We believe that Jesus is without sin. If the holy, unblemished, and sinless Jesus said, "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners," what does this statement imply about you and me?