

## Hosting Jesus, Matt 9.9-17

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### Matt 9.9-17

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

<sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

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### Matt 9.9-17

<sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." <sup>14</sup>Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>15</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them?"

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### Matt 9.9-17

“The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.  
16No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.17Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

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### Hosting Jesus

1. A new calling: Matthew follows Jesus
2. A new community: Matthew hosts Jesus
3. A new container: The ‘sinners’ vs the ‘separated’
4. A new covenant: You start with a permanent relationship

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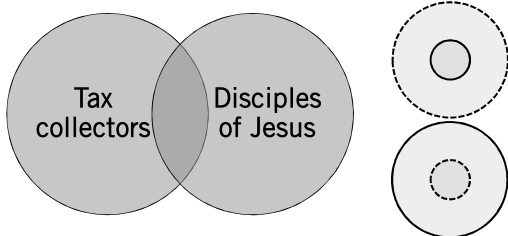
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### Two communities



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### Good Infection

"Now the whole offer which Christianity makes is this: that we can, if we let God have His way, come to share in the life of Christ. If we do, we shall then be sharing a life which was begotten, not made, which always existed and always will exist. Christ is the Son of God. If we share in this kind of life we also shall be sons of God. We shall love the Father as He does and the Holy Ghost will arise in us. He came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the kind of life He has — by what I call "good infection." Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else." - CS Lewis, Mere Christianity

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### conclusion

Jesus saves (only) 'sinners' through a marriage-like, covenant relationship into a 'open community' of grace.

Even if you feel you're not yet ready to lead people, you can HOST people in Jesus' presence.

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