

Living the Gospel:

Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life

Who Needs a Doctor?

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I. Sick people need the doctor.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:9-13)

- A. Jesus calls the unexpected & the un-expecting to follow him.
- B. The tax collector, the sinners, the unrighteous...
- C. Sick need the doctor; sinners need the Savior.

II. Who are the sinners?

- A. It is "those" people.
- B. We are "those" people!

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)

III. This has implications for us!

- A. When was the last time you needed a doctor?
When was the last time you needed a savior?
- B. When was the last time you convinced yourself you didn't need a doctor? ...a savior?
- C. Have you ever had the attitude of the Pharisees as recorded in Matthew 9:11?
- D. What should be the attitude of our church toward sinners?

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)