



A Love Surprising in Scope

Matthew 9:9-13

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I. Get Up and Go *(v. 9)*

- You're going to have to leave something behind. *(Luke 5:28)*
- Your journey will not be what you expect.
- You follow a Person.

You did not follow a religion—you began a relationship.

II. Bring Your Friends *(v. 10)*

- Jesus does not take us *away from* our friends—we take our friends to Jesus.
- Jesus loves your friends even more than you do. *(Luke 5:29)*
- Jesus sets the example.

We introduce people to a Person.

We introduce our friends to Jesus.

III. Check Your Heart *(vv. 11-13; (Hosea 6:6)*

- People are not the problem.
- Sin is the problem.
- Assume your sin is the biggest problem.

Jesus' love is surprising in scope!

Our love must be surprising in scope!