

CALLED



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As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. - Matthew 9:9 NLT

Reflect

Read the full passage in your Bible - Matthew 9:9-13.

What stands out to you from the passage and why?

Ponder Jesus' call to Matthew, "Follow me." How is that a call to discover a life of mission and purpose, a call to ground his identity in Jesus' love?

Have you responded to Jesus' call? How is Jesus grounding and infusing your identity as a dearly loved child...called to a life of mission and purpose?

THE [DISCIPLE] LIFE

Pray

Invite God to show you what he wants you to learn from Matthew's call.

Talk to God about your sense of mission and purpose in life. Is it clear or muddy? Is it focused on following Jesus?

Thank God for his extravagant grace that calls a sinner like you to life...to abundant life in Jesus!

Live It Out

What is the "Tax Collector's Booth" that Jesus is calling you to leave so that you can follow Him more closely? It could be doubt or a particular sin, maybe it is apathy, distraction or obsession with work (or ???).

Whatever it is, ask the Holy Spirit to show you (and then confess this) and to give you the strength to leave that booth to follow Jesus.

**Jesus, thank you for inviting me
into this LIFE of following you today!**