

## **MEET MATTHEW (Matthew 9:9-14)**

**CONNECT**—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, what is something about you that most other people consider weird, but you think is totally normal?

### **DISCUSS**

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

What strikes you about Matthew 9:9-14? Is there something that particularly resonates with you or is particularly confusing to you?

There are four gospels, biographies of Jesus, at the beginning of the New Testament. Why do you think God inspired four Gospels? Is there a Gospel that particularly resonates with you? Why?

What most stands out to you about how Jesus acts in this passage?

Have you ever had a "Follow me" moment with Jesus? What were some of the things that you were feeling before you took the step of faith to follow Him? Why did you ultimately take that step of faith?

Jesus quotes Hosea in our passage. What are some other Old Testament passages/stories/figures that point forward to Jesus? Try to make a list of at least 10. Why is it important to know that Jesus was so steeped in the Old Testament?

How does Jesus redefine fasting in verse 13 and 14? Why does Jesus suggest that His disciples should not be fasting? What are some benefits to fasting for Christians?

Jesus came not for the healthy but the sick. What does Jesus mean by this? What are some marks in our day of someone who is "healthy"? What are some marks that we are aware of our sickness? How have you experienced Jesus' healing?

**RELATE**—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week?

What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week?

### **IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)**

Have everyone identify one main action step that they are going to take in light of this passage.