

# TaizéBibleGroup on 13th August at 19:30

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## Mt, 9,9-13 Jesus Calls Matthew

9 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. 10 And as Jesus[2] reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

### Key message

The scripture was read aloud.

Now say words or short phrases that spoke to you out loud. You can also repeat others.

When everyone is finished, explain why these passages appealed to you.

*Can you pick out a task for yourself from this passage or what has been said?*

*What did it mean to you for your life?*

*What are you sent or commissioned to do?*

*What are the specific steps for you?*

*Which of these do you take with you into the week?*

### Bible Introduction

(leaned on: *Taizé – Meine Hoffnung und meine Freude. Bibeleinführungen* von der Communauté de Taizé)

We have here a text from the Gospel according to Matthew. Matthew had a good knowledge of the Jewish Bible and the Jewish environment.

The text comes from the main part of the Gospel of Matthew, in which the words and actions of Jesus are developed. 3 things are discussed in this text:

#### 1. The authority of Jesus and the willingness to follow

Although we live in completely different contexts today than the customs officer Matthew did back then, our approach to faith has not changed: First of all, there is the invitation from Jesus: "Come, follow me!" And then there is Matthew's reaction: "And he got up and followed him".

#### 2. The behavior of the strong believers

Jesus sits with the "tax collectors and sinners". The heart should rejoice. There is the corrected hope that tax collectors and sinners - people previously far from God - will come to believe. But precisely these criticize the behavior of Jesus.

#### 3. The mercy of God

Surprise: Jesus confronts the strong believers very energetically and consistently. But he does not say: "Go away!"

But "Go!": Jesus sends the strong believers on a course and gives them a homework assignment: Study the scriptures from the point of view of the merciful God!