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If you were to throw a party for Jesus, who would you invite? Who would you not invite? Why?

Read Matthew 9:9

What do you know about tax collectors during Jesus time?

Matthew collected taxes for the Roman government the Jews detested so much. Tax collectors were known as 'sinners,' because they didn't conform to the strict religious requirements of the law and supported Roman rule. What might be a modern equivalent?

What does Jesus say to Matthew and how does he respond? Why do you think Matthew immediately leave his tax collectors booth to follow Jesus? What does that say about Jesus? What does that say about Matthew?

Read Matthew 9:10-13

Matthew decides to throw a party for Jesus. Who does he invite? Why do you think Mathew invites these people?

Why are the Pharisees so offended by the guest list? Why might they refer to them as scum? Would you agree with their assessment?

How does Jesus rebuke the Pharisees? Why might this offend the Pharisees?

Luke: 18:9-14 gives further insight into the heart of the tax collector and Pharisee. How do these men's prayers reflect Jesus' comment on the righteous and the sinner?

Do you see yourself as someone who is sick or someone who thinks they are righteous? How does that shape how you view other people?

Are there people you might consider scum, and are too far from God's grace? Who would you be offended to see at a dinner party for Jesus?

Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." Confess the ways that you have unfairly seen and treated people, and the way that you have arrogantly viewed yourself. Ask God to help you notice, befriend, and accept others.

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