

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

Adult Bible Study

**Title: The Call of Matthew**

**Introduction:**

- Matthew 9:9-13
- What do we know about Matthew?
- We can all identify with Matthew's calling.
- Romans 5:8 – *While we were yet sinners...*

**1. Call of Grace (v. 9)**

- What qualified Matthew to be called by Jesus?
- He saves, not because we are rich or righteous, but because we are sinners in need of a Savior.

**2. Obedience of Faith (v. 9)**

- Why do you think Matthew followed right away. Scripture does not give us any clue regarding questions, concerns, or doubts. Just obedience.

**3. Proof of Love (v. 10)**

- Jesus sits with the tax-collectors and sinners.

**4. Place of Hope (v. 10)**

- **Many** came to Jesus.
- The presence of Jesus gives hope, peace, strength, and comfort.

**5. Manifestation of Pride (v. 11)**

- Why did the Pharisees ask the disciples and not Jesus?
- Pride blinds the eyes from seeing the great depths of divine grace.

**6. Condition of Need (v. 12)**

- Until a person recognizes his/her sinful condition, it will be hard to surrender to Jesus.
- The Pharisees were not "sin-sick" they were "self-satisfied."

**7. Purpose of Christ (v. 13)**

- Christ comes so that we might be saved. When we realize we are lost, it is easy (like Matthew), to arise and follow Christ.