



Dear Church Family,

This Sunday we continue our Lent series, **CONNECTING LIKE JESUS**, by looking at one of the most surprising invitations Jesus ever gave. As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a tax collector's booth — a job that made him deeply unpopular and widely distrusted. Yet Jesus looked at him and simply said, "*Follow me.*" And Matthew did. Matthew left the booth, but he didn't leave the people in his life behind. Instead, he opened his home and invited Jesus to share a meal with his friends — many of whom were considered outsiders by the religious leaders of the day.

It raises an important question for us:

What kind of people does Jesus call?

This Sunday we'll explore how Jesus sees potential where others see reputation, and how belonging often becomes the first step toward transformation.

If you've ever wondered what God might redeem in your life — or through your life — this message is for you.

Join us this Sunday at **10:30 AM** as we continue the journey of **CONNECTING LIKE JESUS**.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Shane
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