

Impact Kids Fall 2026 Leader Devo

next steps
IN DISCIPLESHIP

November 11, 2026- Disciples are chosen for a purpose.

Bible-Matthew 9: 9-13, Jesus Calls Matthew

Disciples make Jesus part of every day.

Read: Matthew 9 :9-13

Highlight: Matthew 9:12-13

Reflect: Jesus called Matthew, a tax collector, to follow Him, and Matthew immediately left his old life behind and became a disciple. Later, while Jesus shared a meal with tax collectors and sinners, the Pharisees criticized Him, but Jesus explained that He came to help those who recognize their need for God, saying, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," and reminding them that He came to call sinners, not the self-righteous.

- Jesus invites ordinary and imperfect people to follow Him. No past mistake or reputation places us beyond His reach.
- Following Jesus requires a response. Matthew left what was familiar to follow Christ. What might Jesus be asking you to leave behind?
- Mercy matters more than appearances. God cares more about a heart that loves and serves others than religious activity without compassion.
- Jesus seeks those who know they need Him. Spiritual growth begins with humility and recognizing our need for God's grace.
- Who are you welcoming? Jesus spent time with people others avoided. Consider how you can show Christ's love to those who may feel overlooked or excluded.

Pray: *Jesus, thank You for using people like Matthew to help us know how much you love and care for each of us. You see us even when we don't follow You or do everything right. Thank You for sacrificing Your Son so I can be right with You. Help me cling to You in every part of my day. Encourage me and fill me with peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!*

Connect:

- What do you think Matthew felt when Jesus invited him to follow Him?
- Are there areas of your life where Jesus is asking you to trust and follow Him more closely?
- How can your family show mercy and kindness to someone who needs encouragement this week?