



PREACHING CURRICULUM

CALLING SINNERS TO REPENT & REJOICE MATTHEW 9:9-17

"Delay in repentance is a sign of an unbroken heart; Matthew rose at once, showing that grace had mastered his will." — Thomas Watson

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

When considering who Matthew was, why would it have been socially risky for Jesus to call him to follow? What does this tell us about the nature of the Gospel message and who Christ is after? _____

How does Jesus correct the self-righteous Pharisees who were fixated on the externals over the internals? What takeaways can we learn from Jesus' response to them in Matthew 9:12-13? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

"Matthew's rising up signified the forsaking of his former life; for no man follows Christ who does not first renounce himself." - John Calvin

When Christ commands you to "follow Him" and obey Him, do you do so without delay, as Matthew did? Why or why not? What excuses have you used in the past (or perhaps still today) to suppress God's call on your life? How did that turn out for you? _____

Is your worship of Christ during the week, or Sundays, with your money, your time, and even your whole life marked by joy and celebration and total surrender? If not, are you aware of your shortcomings and where you are lacking in honouring the "Bridegroom?" _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

"True repentance suffers no delay, for the Spirit that convinces also inclines the heart presently to obey." - William Perkins

How is your "old man" still dictating the way you are to walk in obedience to Him? Are there parts of your "old life" that you have left behind that you struggle to fully surrender to Christ? What are they, and how will you abandon them now and follow Christ fully? _____

How can you increase your worship of Christ with joy and passion, preparing for the eternal worship of the Lamb, so that you are worshipping Him in spirit and in truth? _____

**The Christian Gospel is clear:
Christ Jesus came to save sinners,
in order that we might worship
Him with great joy!**

- 1/ Jesus came to call us from our sins to follow him entirely!
- 2/ Jesus came to call us from our sins to worship him extravagantly!

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you commit to making joyful and sincere worship of Christ a more regular part of your week and your life?

5 PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT