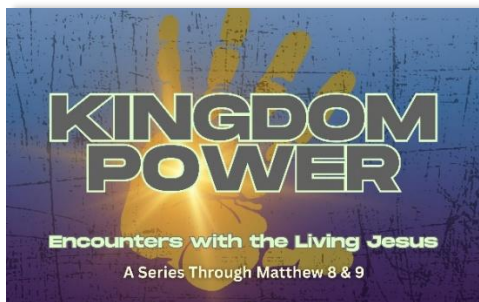




Sermon Notes: "The Call"

Matthew 9:9-13 & Revelation 3:19-21

10.26.25

1. Jesus will call and if you chose to follow him, there will be a cost.

Revelation 3:20

2. The called experience real transformation that leads to bold invitation.

3. Jesus came to call people who know they are sinners.

Sin isn't measured by comparing yourself to other people. It's measured against God's holiness.

So What?

1. Having answered the call, are you following?

- Changed people change their circle. Who's at your table?
- Are you willing to work on your indifference?
- Revelation 3:19

2. Are you resisting the call?

3. The Promise

Revelation 3:21

For Study, Reflection, Discussion:

Life Group ICEBREAKER: *Think about when you were given a job offer, or maybe asked to go on a date, that you weren't expecting. Did you respond immediately, or did you have to think about it for a while?*

1. Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? *What* was it and *why* did it resonate with you?

READ: Matthew 9:9-13

2. Kevin mentioned he used to struggle with how the four Gospels were at times very different from each other and that reading a particular book helped him understand these differences. Is this an area that you have struggled with scripture? Are there other parts of scripture that you have an issue with. Is this a problem if you're a Christian?
3. In verse 9 Matthew is called to follow Jesus. This call is not just physical but spiritual. It requires a complete change in how we live our lives. To truly follow Jesus, we must give everything to him and join his mission. Are there areas in your life that you have not fully given over to Jesus? Is the cost too high?
4. Kevin referenced Revelation 3:20 where Jesus is knocking at the door wanting to come in and be apart of our lives (Matthew 7:7-8, Luke 12:36, John 10:3 and 14:23). What Jesus says in these verses is very different from how Jesus is presented in James 5:9, how does James's presentation of Jesus make you feel?
5. Jesus tells the Pharisees that they need to go and learn about why God desires mercy not sacrifice. Using Proverbs 21:3, Micah 6:8 and Hosea 6:6 for additional context, what does this mean to you? How can you prioritize mercy in your own life and in the church community?
6. In the final sentence of verse 13 Jesus clarifies his mission. This clarification was mostly for the Pharisees but also for his disciples. He came to reach those who recognize their need for repentance and transformation. Do you need to refocus on what Jesus' mission is and how you need to prioritize your life around that mission?

Deploy:

This week's deployment: Host or attend a meal with someone far from God—and invite them into your story with Jesus.

- Invite a coworker, neighbor, friend. etc. who doesn't know Jesus to coffee, lunch, or dinner. Don't preach at them—just build relationship and be ready to share what Jesus has done in your life if they ask.

Don't Forget:

- **NEXT WEEK!! Main Service new start time beginning Nov 2nd: 9:30 am**
- **Potluck after service – November 30th**
- **Candlelight service – December 23rd @ 6:15 pm**

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You that You call even the unlikely, transform the willing, and save those who know they're sinners—which means there's hope for every one of us. This week, give us courage to leave behind whatever we're clinging to and boldly invite others to meet You. We hear You knocking—come in, take over, we're Yours. Amen.