

ReFocus Guide: The Way of Forgiveness

Focus:

Jesus doesn't begin with demands; He begins with invitation. To follow Him is not to prove ourselves worthy, but to trust that we are seen, chosen, and loved. This week we explore what it means to say yes to Jesus' call, a call that reorients our identity, our relationships, and our way of life.

Day 1: Jesus See and Calls

Scripture: Matthew 9:9 (CEB)

As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, 'Follow me,' and he got up and followed him.

Reflection:

Matthew wasn't seeking Jesus. He was simply doing his job, not expecting any interruption, and possibly resigned to the identity others had placed on him. As a tax collector, he was likely viewed with suspicion, even contempt, by his community. Yet Jesus saw him, right where he was, and offered a new path. The call came unexpectedly, but it changed everything. Jesus didn't wait for Matthew to be ready or to prove himself; He simply said, "Follow me." Following Jesus begins not with our qualifications, but with Christ's invitation.

Questions:

Where in your life do you need to be reminded that Jesus sees you? What might Jesus be inviting you to leave behind?

Prayer:

Jesus, You see me as I am, doing nothing other than living my life. Help me to hear Your call during my daily routine and respond with trust. Amen.

Day 2: Sitting at the Table

Scripture: Matthew 18:28-30 (CEB)

As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table. But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'