

TEXT: Matthew 9:9-17

TOPIC: How Do We Make Our Sunday School a Priority?

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BY IMPLEMENTING THE PRIORITIES OF JESUS IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. Reach People, Matthew 9:9-13

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. ¹⁰Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

1. Are we continually enrolling new people in our class?
2. Is my attendance growing significantly?
3. Are people being saved in my class?
4. Am I continually starting new classes out of my Sunday School class?

2. Care for People, Matthew 9:12-13

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▪ Life Statement

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▪ Verbal Statement

"I desire mercy(which is compassion), not sacrifice."

1. What is your worker/student ratio in your class? (1 to 5 is the ideal)
2. Am I continually enlisting, recruiting and training Care Leaders for my class?
3. Is my average attendance increasing?
3. Am I teaching People the Bible?

3. Teach People, Matthew 9:14-17

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. ¹⁷ Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

1. Is my teaching giving the people something that will help them tomorrow?
2. Are the lives of people being changed radically in my class?
3. Is my class growing?