

## “Outside the Box”

Matthew 9:9-17

### **Today's BIG IDEA:**

***Jesus came to save the lost, not to satisfy the legalists.***

### 1. Jesus' actions in these verses

A. Jesus didn't \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew. He \_\_\_\_\_ him. (v.9)  
*(John 3:17)*

- *When Jesus saw Matthew, he saw a sinner, no doubt. But he saw a sinner in need of a Savior.*

B. Jesus didn't \_\_\_\_\_ sinners. He \_\_\_\_\_ them. (v.10-13)  
*(Luke 5:28; Hosea 6:6)*

- *Before you can be saved from sin, you must understand that you're lost in sin.*

C. Jesus didn't \_\_\_\_\_ a religious standard. He \_\_\_\_\_ one. (v.14-17)

### 2. Our actions from these verses

A. We should \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(John 3:18-19)*

- *Just because Jesus didn't come to condemn sinners doesn't mean he is complacent about sin.*

B. We should \_\_\_\_\_ others to Jesus through \_\_\_\_\_. (v.10-13)  
*(John 17:15)*

- *Jesus may have dined with sinners, but he never joined them in their sin.*

C. We should \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus over \_\_\_\_\_. (v.14-17)

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. How does Jesus' calling of Matthew reflect your own testimony? How was Matthew's life different after that calling?
2. How can we minister to lost people without being negatively influenced by them? What is the line? How does Jesus model a healthy balance of this?
3. The Pharisees thought they honored God with their legalism. How can we keep the same thing from happening to us?

## The Nine Dots Puzzle

Connect all nine dots without lifting your pen/pencil, using no more than four straight lines.

