

A TAXING DECISION

Matthew 9:9-13

9 As 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. 10 Now 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. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12 When 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.” (NKJV)

1. The Lord’s _____ (9:9)

2. Matthew’s _____ (9:10)

3. The Pharisee’s _____ (9:11)

4. The Lord’s _____ (9:12–13)

- How much sin is God willing to forgive?
- Whose sin can be forgiven, and whose not?
- What are the parameters and limits of His forgiveness?
- How should our response to Christ’s call look?