

Walking Across The Street
Connecting People to Jesus—Part 3
Luke 5:27-32
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After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." –Luke 5:27-32

Among the things we learned in that sermon last week was:

In a survey of 300,000 church goers, _____% of them came to church the first time because somebody invited them.

And that fewer than _____% of unchurched people will ever just walk into a church building.

What can we learn from this Matthew story?

1. Jesus went _____ for Matthew.
2. He looked because He knew Matthew was ready to _____

Lee Strobel once wrote a book where he described the Top Ten Beliefs of someone he called "Chesterfield Charlie."

Number 10: Charlie has rejected church, but that doesn't necessarily mean he has rejected _____.

Number 9: Charlie is morally adrift, but he secretly wants an _____.

Number 8: Charlie doesn't understand Christianity, but he's also _____ about what he claims to believe in.

Number 7: Charlie doesn't just ask, "Is Christianity true?" Often, he's asking: "Does Christianity _____ and how can I experience it?"

Number 6: Charlie is no longer loyal to denominations, but he is attracted to places where his _____ will be met.

Number 5: Charlie isn't much of a joiner, but he's hungry for a _____ he can connect with.

Number 4: Even if Charlie's not spiritually sensitive, he wants his children to get quality _____ training.

Number 3: Charlie is proud that he's _____ of different faiths, but he thinks Christians are narrow minded.

Number 2: There's a good chance Charlie would _____ church if a friend invited him.

Number 1: Charlie doesn't want to be somebody's project, but he would like to be somebody's _____.

3. Every new person we bring to Christ has _____.

According to one count, the gospels record 132 contacts that Jesus had with people:

_____ were in the Temple;

_____ in the synagogues and

_____ were out with the people in the mainstream of life.

4. Jesus didn't have to _____ much.