



I'm Sickly and I Know It Tim Ross

Focus Matthew the tax collector immediately agreed to follow Jesus because he knew he was a sinner in need of the Savior. Later, the Pharisees questioned why Jesus would dine with Matthew as well as other tax collectors and sinners. Jesus' response was that those who are sick need a doctor. Jesus didn't come for people who think they are righteous but for people who know they are sinners. When we are humble enough to admit we are sick, we can fully receive God's grace and mercy.

Fun What is the weirdest food you've ever eaten?

Review Key Scriptures: Matthew 9:9–13

1. Jesus calls us to follow Him.

Jesus comes and gets us wherever we are. Matthew was working when Jesus called him, and he was willing to put everything down to follow Jesus. We should have the same response. When Jesus calls us, we need to simply trust and follow Him.

2. Jesus is the answer for all who are sick.

The Pharisees judged the people who ate dinner with Jesus at Matthew's house. Jesus told them that it is those who are sick who need a doctor. People who are self-righteous don't think they are sick. We need to be humble and admit that we are all sick and in need of the only doctor who can heal us: Jesus. When we admit we are sick, we can receive God's grace and mercy.

Group Dynamics Idea Ask group members to share one way God has answered a specific prayer this past year, big or small, and take time together to celebrate what God has done.

Discuss

1. What do you think Pastor Tim Ross meant when he said, “We are all sickly”?
2. What does it look like for you to follow Jesus every day?
3. Share what happened when Jesus called you to follow Him. How has that decision changed your life?
4. Why do you think it’s necessary for us to be honest about our issues?
5. Why is it sometimes hard for us to trust God with our issues?
6. Take a moment and ask yourself, “What are the areas in my life where I am sick and need Jesus to heal me?”
7. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- We are all sick.
- Jesus came to heal the sick.
- Jesus came to heal us.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus to heal the sick. Help us to trust You with our issues and pain. Help us to invite You into every area we have hidden in the dark that needs Your healing touch. Thank You for loving us and setting us free. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

New Leader Tip As we move into summer, it’s the perfect time to identify people in your group who might be good leaders for next semester. Many people step into a leadership role because somebody believes in them, encourages them, and asks them. Be intentional about calling out leadership gifts in people. If you are unsure how to navigate this new area, ask your section leader or pastoral covering for guidance.