

INVITATIONS

Follow Me

Invitations are more powerful than information.

Invitations can change our position.

Invitations lead to a change in direction.

Information without a prior invitation leads to irritation.

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

Jesus invited people unlike himself to follow Him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

Matthew 9:10 (NIV)

The people most unlike Jesus liked Jesus.

¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:11-13 (NIV)

Jesus meets us where we are and invites us to follow Him.

There are no prerequisites to following Jesus.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

When I say "yes" to Jesus' invitation, I'll experience transformation.

Jesus invites me to take my next step.

- Jesus invites us to seek out who He is and believe in Him.
- Jesus invites us to trust in His way of life and follow Him.
- Jesus invites us to join in His mission by sharing His invitation.

Warning: When I follow Jesus, I likely will end up loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

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