

ALL OUTREACH

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Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series called **All OUTreach** with Week 2. What does outreach look like for you? How can you make sharing your faith an active part of your life? Are you hesitant to share your faith? Are you content to be on the sidelines? What if you are sent & not settled?

This week we continue to look at Outreach and how it starts with compassion and awareness. How well do you see people? We need to see what Jesus sees, and HOW Jesus sees, because Jesus sees people differently.

Questions:

1. What do you know about the disciple named Matthew? Who was he? What was he known for, how was he perceived in his community? What happened when Jesus saw him? What did Jesus see in Matthew? Was Matthew's reaction to Jesus' call surprising? Why did Jesus do this? **Matthew 9:9**
2. When Matthew invited Jesus & the other disciples to his home for dinner, why was it surprising who else he invited? How did the Pharisees react when they saw the 'disreputable scum' at Matthew's home with Jesus? **Matthew 9:10-11**
3. How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' aggravation and disgust? Why did Jesus tell them to look at the meaning of an Old Testament scripture (Hosea 6:6)? Who did Jesus say He came to call? What happens when you realize you are not the 'healthy' but you are the 'sick'? **Matthew 9:12-13; Hosea 6:6**

4. What did Matthew see when he went with Jesus through all the towns and villages? What was Jesus announcing accompanied by this group of dirty sinners? Who was Jesus sharing the Good News with? **Matthew 9:35**
5. How did Jesus respond to the confused and helpless crowds when He saw those that came to see Him? What did they need that only He could provide? **Matthew 9:36**
6. Do you see people like Jesus does? What instructions did Jesus give His disciples regarding the harvest? What if those commands are for you as well? What starts to happen when your eyes begin to reflect Jesus' heart and you see like Jesus? **Matthew 9:37-38**
7. If there is still much work to be done (harvest), what did Jesus say you can do so that you can outreach more like Jesus? Who is He breaking your heart for? Who should you move towards? Who can you demonstrate God's compassion towards?

Key takeaway: See people like Jesus and then take action by:

- ***Asking God to break your heart for Him & people around you***
- ***Intentionally move toward someone you would normally avoid***
- ***Pray daily for Jesus' compassion & look for an opportunity***

Summary:

- Jesus saw Matthew (a tax collector = bad person who cheated others and was despised) and called him to 'follow me'; what did Matthew expect?
- Matthew invited Jesus to his home and also invited many tax collectors & disreputable sinners (scum); Pharisees were disgusted with Jesus & missed the whole point 'presence'
- Healthy people don't need a doctor, sick people do... show mercy vs offering sacrifices
- Jesus went through all the towns teaching & announcing the Good news & healing every kind of disease & illness
- Jesus had compassion on the crowds of confused & helpless sheep without a shepherd, so He led them

- Jesus calls His disciples to make a difference by joining the great harvest, to do as He was doing
- How you can outreach like Jesus:
 - Ask God to break your heart for Him & people around you
 - Intentionally move toward someone you would normally avoid
 - Pray daily for Jesus' compassion & look for an opportunity