

Sermon "Margins - Creating Space for Others" (Matthew 9:9-13)

Ordinary (Week 3: "Kingdom Hospitality")

1) The _____, _____ nature of grace

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples (Matthew 9:9-10).

2) A _____ of _____

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice (Ezekiel 34:16).

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound... (Isaiah 61:1)

3) Opening our _____, our _____, and our _____

¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice...' (Matthew 9:12, 13).

¹⁴"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! ... ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷... return to the Lord, that he may have compassion, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:1, 6-7).

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