## **Title: Room at the Table**

## **Matthew 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

"When Jesus himself wanted to explain to his disciples what his forthcoming death was all about,

he didn't give them a theory, he gave them a meal." - N.T. Wright

Question: How's our posture?

Has God's call in our lives changed our circle?

## Hosea 6:6

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice

## Acts 1:8

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."