

# Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## A CAST OF *Characters*

COMMON PEOPLE in the HANDS of AN UNCOMMON GOD



**WORSHIP** God    **GROW** Together    **SERVE** Others

**Week 1 – Matthew**

**Matthew 9:9-13**

### Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/I0OF8d\\_nv8w](https://youtu.be/I0OF8d_nv8w)
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

### Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

## Reading:

# Matthew 9:9-13

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### The calling of Matthew

<sup>9</sup> As 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.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

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## Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. What's good about having saints and sinners in the same room?
3. What's good about not trying to figure out who belongs to which group?
4. Why did Matthews party make the religious right uptight?
5. What parallel situations do you see today? Do you generally respond to them like Christ or like the religious leaders? Why?
6. How do you feel about the phrase  
**"COMMON people in the Hands of an UNCOMMON God"**?  
How has this been your experience?

## Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.