

The Call to Discipleship

Matthew 9:9-17

JESUS CALLS MATTHEW (9:9-13)

As 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. (Matthew 9:9)

Matthew, as a tax collector, was officially excommunicated from the synagogue and unofficially from respectable society. Therefore, it's striking that Jesus would call Matthew to follow him, but Matthew's _____ response is even more striking! If Christ called an uninterested and undeserving sinner like Matthew, then there is hope that _____ we know can receive the sovereign call of Christ.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. (Matthew 9:10)

The main point of the incident was not that the tax collectors and sinners were willing to associate with Jesus but that Jesus was willing to associate with them. Christ Jesus came into the world to save _____! (1 Timothy 1:15)

And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (Matthew 9:11)

As with their many other questions to and about Jesus, the Pharisees motive was not to learn the truth but to _____ and _____ Jesus. Although Jesus was fully aware of the Pharisees' true intent (cf. 9:4), he took their question at face value and explained exactly why he had done what he did. In his brief reply, he gave three arguments in defense of actions:

- The first argument was from _____.
"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."
(9:12)
- The second argument was from _____.
"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' "**(9:13)**
- The third argument was from his _____.
"**I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.**" **(9:13)**

A QUESTION ABOUT FASTING (9:14-17)

Why didn't Jesus' disciples fast?

Jesus was saying that he is God, and that he had come to betroth His people to him forever. Since fasting was often connected to sadness or mourning, this was a time for _____ and _____, not fasting.

In verses 16–17, two more illustrations are used to make the point that God was doing something _____ with the coming of Jesus. The pharisaical, legalistic, external, self-righteous system of traditional Judaism could neither connect with nor contain the ministry and message of Christ. Although the present hour was a time for celebration, Jesus spoke of a time when fasting would be appropriate.

Conclusion

In this passage, we see three marks of the true believer:

- First, like Matthew, the true believer _____ the Lord.
- Second, the true believer has _____ on the unsaved.
- Third, a true believer forsakes _____ and _____.

Sunday, October 27

10am Worship

Thou, O Lord

Christus Victor

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Praise..... Patrick Lima
Isaiah 62:1-3

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Run And Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)

Doxology

Scripture Reading & Prayer of Supplication.....Reagan Farris
1 Corinthians 13:1-3

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Offering

Speak O Lord

Message Dan Tankersley
The Call to Discipleship
Matthew 9:9-17

Trust And Obey

Benediction.....James Wells
Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

5pm Worship

Scripture Reading & PrayerJohn Adams Uptain
Romans 3:20-23

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The New Hampshire Confession of Faith, Part 12John Adams Uptain

How Firm A Foundation

This Is My Father's World

Vermont Mission Panel..... Tommy Perry

He Will Hold Me Fast

Corporate Prayer..... Tommy Perry

Message Patrick Lima

Communion with Jesus in Holiness

Holy Holy Holy

1st Friday Men's Breakfast

Friday, November 1 | 6am | ROC Lobby

Speaker: Charles Uptain

All men are invited to join together for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

Members Meeting

Sunday, November 3 | 5pm Worship

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting during the 5pm worship service.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Collection Sunday: November 17

Pack a shoebox and send good news and great joy around the world. Shoeboxes are available in the Fellowship Center, ROC, and Preschool Building.

Meaningful Membership Intensive Class

Sunday, November 3 | 1-4pm

If you are interested in knowing more about Calvary or would like to join and are not able to attend all three Sunday morning classes, join us for this intensive 3-hour class in the Office Building Conference Room. All the material will be covered in this one class.

If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, call the church office or email angie@calvarydothan.com by Wednesday, October 30.

D-Now Weekend

November 22-24 | 6th -12th Grade

Registration is open online! Deadline to register is November 1. If you would like to serve by providing breakfast to a group or being a host home, contact brooke@calvarydothan.com.

SABA Fall Food Drive

Kickoff Fall with a food drive for YOUR Ministry Center. This food drive will run through the entire month of October. Drop boxes will be placed at the Children and Preschool areas, ROC, and Fellowship Center Foyer. Thank you in advance for your generosity in serving our community.

Pray for Calvary's Upcoming Mission Trips

India Mission Trip, October 20-November 2

Paul Thompson & Nick Thompson

Do you like to decorate for Christmas?

If you can help put up Christmas decorations at the church on mornings of Monday, November 25 and/or Tuesday, November 26, call Rebekah in the church office or email rebekah@calvarydothan.com.

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

- I trusted Jesus as Savior.
- I'd like to join Calvary Baptist Church.
- I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.
- Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pastors & Prayer Team Only
- Churchwide

Connect Card

October 27, 2024

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate, or in the boxes by the exits.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Attender
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

- Male
- Female

- Married
- Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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October Missions Spotlight

Jose and Areli Perez (Missioteca/Global Mission Partner)

Missioteca is a collection of missional initiatives dedicated to eradicating theological famine in the Global South. The mission work of Jose and Areli through Missioteca involves walking alongside local churches in Guatemala to help them become healthy churches. If you would like to know more about the mission work of Missioteca or the Perez's, visit missioteca.org or email Jose at jose@missioteca.org.

Also, if you would like to know how to pray for the Perez's, pick up a prayer card at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

City Hope (Local Mission Partner)

City Hope is a ministry that aims to get the gospel into foster homes by serving and showing them the love of Christ. The City Hope team strives to make much of Christ in this capacity and takes seriously the Scriptural mandate of orphan care. If you would like to learn more about the ministry work of City Hope, visit cityhopewiregrass.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/cityhopewiregrass. Prayer needs for City Hope can be found on prayer cards at the missions kiosk in the Fellowship Center foyer.

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THE PEOPLE CAME...

October 20

Life Group: 495
10:00 Worship: 570
5:00 Worship: 119
Hispanic Church: 139
Neighborhood Church (NY): 25

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given October 20: \$45,680.58
Given Y-T-D Surplus (Deficit):
(\$183,622.99) as of 09/30/24

NAVIGATORS BIBLE READING PLAN

October 27-November 2

- John 6:41-59, 1 Pet 3:13-22, Song 5, Jer 52
- John 6:60-71, 1 Pet 4:1-11, Song 6, Lam 1
- John 7:1-13, 1 Pet 4:12-19, Song 7, Lam 2
- John 7:14-24, 1 Pet 5:1-7, Song 8:1-7, Lam 3
- John 7:25-36, 1 Pet 5:8-14, Song 8:8-14, Lam 4-5

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30am Life Groups & Open Classes
- 10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel (except 1st Sunday)
- 11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.
- 5:00pm Family Worship, Sanctuary Childcare for Babies-K3

I'm New Here



We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church.

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code or you can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Also, be sure to stop by our Next Steps table in the foyer after the service for a gift from us!

How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to calvarydothan.com/how-to-become-a-christian/.

If you would like to view a pdf of today's AM sermon notes, go to calvarydothan.com/messages.

Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson..... Senior Pastor
Charles Uptain..... Executive Pastor
Dan Tankersley..... Discipleship Pastor
Patrick Lima..... Worship
Tommy Perry..... Missions

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, October 27:

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Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, November 3:

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3

10am

Our Amazing Savior

Matthew 9:18-34

Message by Paul Thompson

5pm

The Comforter

Message by Charles Uptain

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:00pm Open Classes, D-Groups, Life Groups
- Birth-K5, Preschool Bldg
- Grades 1-5, Chapel
- Grades 6-12, Student Room

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

- 1 Timothy 1:15



WELCOME TO
Calvary
BAPTIST CHURCH