

Face to Face series: Matthew

Questions

- Matthew was an outcast among his own people, yet Jesus saw him and wanted him as a follower. When have you felt like an outcast, and who welcomed you despite it?
- When did you know God wanted you and welcomed you—and how did you know this was true?
- Who are our modern-day tax collectors—the outcasts in social and religious circles? (Follow-up question: we've named the tax collectors of our day; be honest—what response would you have to one of them being welcomed into your church or group?)
- Jesus is not afraid to disrupt the status quo, even within his own group of followers. What parts of your life need disruption for the sake of others?
- "Get used to different" is quite the challenge. How can we ever get used to "different" in a way that honours Jesus and helps others?
- To follow Jesus, Matthew will lose protection, money, and a house. Why is he so quick to say yes to following Jesus? (Follow-up question: what material or emotional assets have you lost—or might you lose some day—because of choosing to follow Jesus?)