

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Get moving!

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 9:9-13

Mark 2:4-17

Matthew 4:18-22

Matthew 10:37,38

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What does it take to get you to change?

Matthew 9:9-13 & Mark 2:4-17

Where was Matthew when Jesus called him?

Where would you be if Jesus were to call you in a similar situation?

How did Matthew respond to Jesus' call?

What did he leave behind?

What would you have to leave behind if you responded to Jesus' call in a similar way?

What did Matthew gain?

What did Matthew see in Jesus that he wanted to share with his best friends?

Why do you think Matthew said yes when many others said no?

What is the first thing that Matthew records as his response to his call to be a disciple of Jesus? Why?

Matthew 10:37,38

What is Jesus saying in these verses?

What does Jesus know we will gain if we are willing to be his disciples?

Why is it easier for us to identify the things we think we'll give up than it is to celebrate the things we'll gain?

What is the first step you could take to become a more active follower of Jesus?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Ask to see Jesus' leading in your life.

Be honest with God about how you are feeling.

Ask for the Spirit's help to take the steps you need to take in following Jesus.

Praise God for the hope that you have because of Jesus.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ MATTHEW 9:9

What was Matthew doing when he met Jesus?

What did Jesus ask Matthew to do?

What did Matthew do?

Play "follow the leader".

READ MATTHEW 9:10

Why was Jesus at Matthew's house?

Draw a picture of the last people you ate with, other than your family.

Can everyone guess who you drew?

READ MATTHEW 9:11

Why do you have people over for dinner?

READ MATTHEW 9:12-13

Who would Jesus have over for dinner?

Why?

Make a list of people to invite over for dinner.

Design & make dinner invitations.

How is inviting people to dinner and telling people about Jesus the same?

How is it different?

What would Jesus want you to do?

MEMORY VERSE:

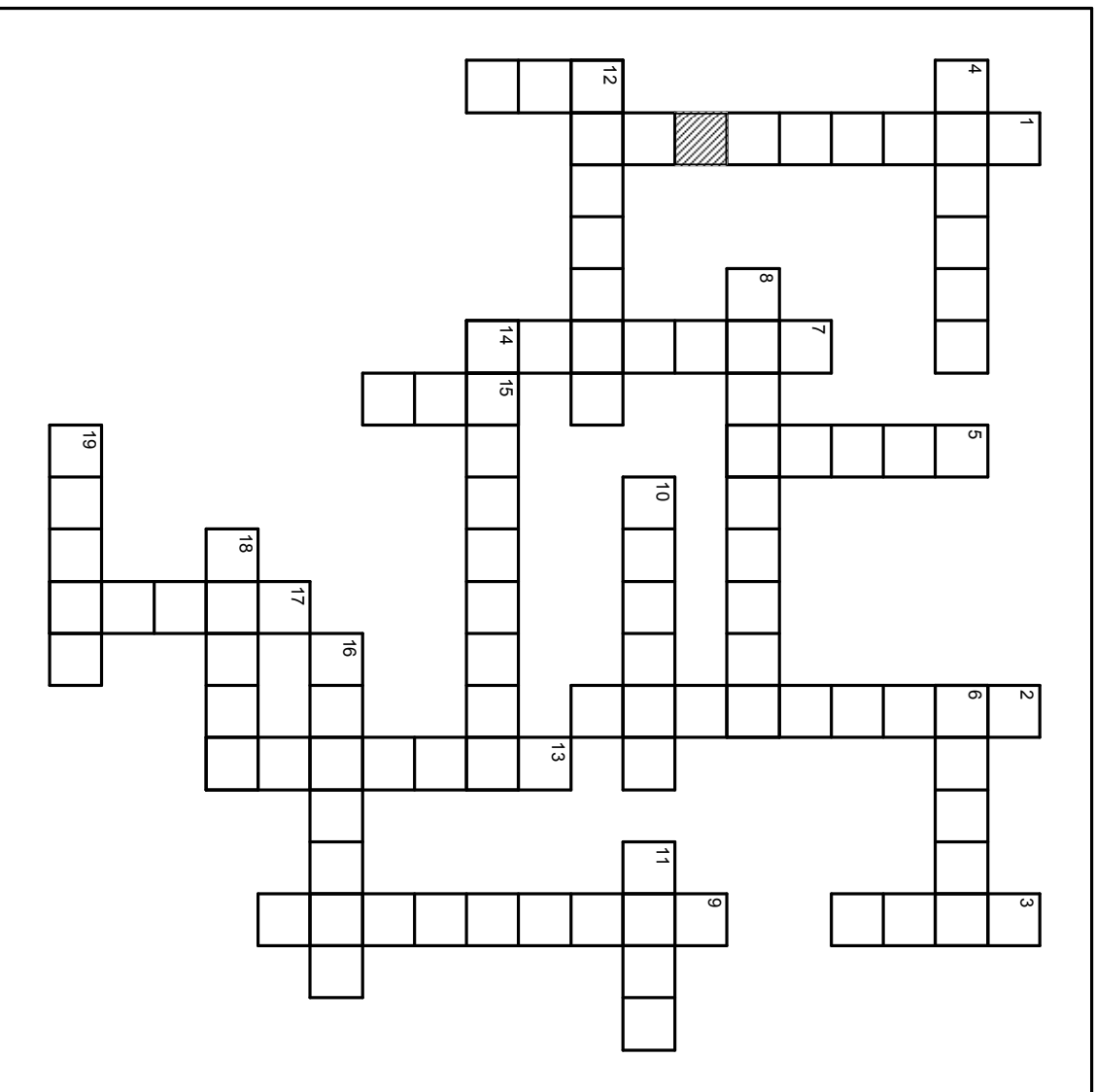
Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"If anyone would come after me,
he must deny himself and take up his cross
and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 NIV

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Matthew Follows Jesus



Across

4. he helps make people well (Matthew 9:12)
6. a place where you live (Matthew 9:10)
8. those who do Godly things (Matthew 9:13)
10. a meal (Matthew 9:10)
11. not well (Matthew 9:12)
12. people learn from him (Matthew 9:11)
14. ritual obedience (Matthew 9:13)
16. he was sitting (Matthew 9:9)
18. love in action (Matthew 9:13)
19. Jesus died on one (Matthew 16:24)

Down

1. what Jesus asked Matthew to do (Matthew 9:9)
2. leaders of the Jews (Matthew 9:11)
3. say "no" to (Matthew 16:24)
5. a small shelter (Matthew 9:9)
7. people who do things that God doesn't like (Matthew 9:10)
9. Jesus' helpers (Matthew 9:10)
12. a fee that the government charges (Matthew 9:9)
13. people who are well (Matthew 9:12)
15. put food in their mouths (Matthew 9:10)
17. He was walking (Matthew 9:9)

Matthew Follows Jesus

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Jesus

Matthew

tax

booth

follow me

dinner

house

sinners

ate

disciples

Pharisees

teacher

healthy

doctor

sick

mercy

sacrifice

righteous

deny

cross

Matthew Follows Jesus

HSOUE _____

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