



# STUDY GUIDE

## JESUS—GOD & MAN 03.24.2019

### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
Rachel and Justin Klubnik—Missionaries to El Salvador

### [set up]

What stood out to you from the message last Sunday?

Have 1-2 people share how Jesus called them to “follow Him” in under 2 minutes each.

### [digging deeper]

Read Luke 5:27-32.

From these verses, what can we learn:

- About Jesus?
- How do these observations reinforce why we love Jesus so much?
- About Matthew?
- How is his response to Jesus a model for us?
- About the Pharisees and Scribes?
- What are ways we see people act with similar attitudes today?

What did Jesus mean when He said He didn’t come for those who were “well” but those who were “sick” and not for the “righteous” but for “sinners”?

Look at verse 29 again. Levi hosted a meal for Jesus and invited his friends to come meet Jesus. Do we engage in similar responses when we come to Christ? Why or why not?

Read this description of a “Matthew Party”:

A Matthew Party is a small social gathering of both Christians and unsaved people from the community. These parties provide an intentional and relational opportunity to build connections with others with whom we want to share Christ. These parties can be innovative and creative, anything from having a group of friends over to play some games, watch a sporting event, celebrate a holiday or birthdays, or even a sit-down dinner. The goal is to have good clean fun while allowing an unbelieving friend or two to interact with others from the Christian community. Just like Matthew had Jesus present, at some point you want to do something to help point your guests to Christ – pray before a meal, ask about their church or faith background and then share

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yours, mention how you see God at work in your life. If your visitors want to talk about it, go where that conversation takes you, and if not, don't force the topic, wait for another time. You also want to provide an opportunity for a possible next step or connection. Maybe that is inviting them to join you for church, or to attend or serve with your LifeGroup. Maybe it's providing them good resources for study. Maybe that is setting up a time when their questions can be personally answered by yourself or with someone else.

Take out a piece of paper or a large post-it note. Draw a line to divide the paper into two sections. Under section one, brainstorm ideas of how to host "Matthew parties" (especially think of your LifeHouse and LifeGroup contexts). Under section two, write down "what to do" and "what not to do" ideas for a Matthew party.

## **[living it out]**

The last couple of weeks, we have challenged our church to be thinking along the lines of "Who's your one?" Who is one person that you can direct your prayers and your relational efforts toward in the hopes that they come to Christ? Share with your group, who is your one?

Now, take this moment as an opportunity to plan a "Matthew Party" to invite your "one" to. Answer the Who? When? Where? What? Questions and then go for it!

Close in prayer together using passages and concepts from the study above. You can also begin praying for your "one" using this 30-day prayer guide:

<http://whosyourone.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/whos-your-one-prayer-guide.pdf>