1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.

- 2) Read Matthew 9:9-13 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Matthew was an outcast, and yet Jesus showed him tremendous grace and invited him to be a disciple. Who are the people in our community who are most likely to be ignored? Who are the people who are least likely to hear the offer of the gospel?
- 5) Matthew threw a party and all of his friends came to hear the good news of the gospel from Jesus. What are some tangible ways for us as God's people to interact with those who don't yet know Jesus?
- 6) The Pharisees were offended that Jesus was eating with tax collectors and sinners. Why were they upset? (There are probably several answers here).
- 7) What are some common barriers that hurt our gospel witness?
- 8) Jesus compares himself to a doctor who needs to be around sick people in order to do his work. What does he mean? What does this teach us about evangelism?
- 9) Why does Jesus quote Hosea 6:6? What point is he trying to make?
- 10) Read Luke 7:36-49 together. How does this story further emphasize the point Jesus is making in the story of Matthew's Conversion?
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.