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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

One Another Week 1

ICE-BREAKER:

If you were Jesus, what qualities would you be looking for when choosing the disciples?

DISCUSS:

How do you think you might react if several gang members or street people attended this The Point this Sunday?

What do you think people would say if you associated with a "wild crowd" in an attempt to be a witness for Christ?

What dangers do we face when we befriend non-believers?

What will happen if we never reach out to those outside the church?

READ: *As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."*
- **Matthew 9:9-13 (NLT2)**

Does anything surprise you about Jesus' actions in this passage?

APPLY IT

How can you cultivate a relationship with a non-Christian friend this week?

What can you do to remind yourself to view others as they can be, instead of seeing only their faults?