



All In - Week Two

“Included”

Matthew 9:9-13

We're “All In” when we both welcome and include.

We're learning what it means to be “All In” as a community of faith

This series is going to help us see more clearly how we can live an “all in” kind of life as we seek to follow Jesus together

Invited. Included. Involved. Invested.

Today we're going to be focusing on what it means to be Included

There's a huge difference between being welcomed as opposed to being both welcomed AND included.

Here's some examples of how that plays out in life... and church

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We need some background as to why this is a scandalous moment

- *The disciples—who are the eleven we're dealing with at this point?*
- *And then there's Matthew sitting on the dock, collecting taxes...*
- *These guys thought they were getting it—this whole love thing.*
- *And then Jesus calls Matthew to join them and invites himself to dinner*
- *Matthew's only friends at that point would have been people like him.*
- *The Pharisees ask a question that even the disciples don't want to answer.*

The lesson there was not just for the disciple about what it meant to be included—it was for Matthew, too.

This is what Jesus wanted his followers to grasp—that there is no “other” regarding people created in God's image. There is only “us.”

Offering your welcome without inclusion is not a welcome...

- *So who is welcomed and included at Shepherd? Here's a list...*
- *What's not welcomed? I'm sure that's a question some might offer up.*

It's not what you might think...

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Andy Stanley

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