



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Sermon Discussion Guide
March 22, 2026

Refresh

Read Matthew 9:9 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

Pastor Mark mentioned that Sunday gatherings are primarily for “feeding the sheep” rather than being evangelistic. How does this perspective shape what you should expect and prioritize in a worship service? Why is this emphasis important for the health of the church?

Expositional preaching was defined as letting the main point of the text be the main point of the sermon. Why is it important to understand the original context and meaning of a passage before applying it today? What dangers arise when we skip that step?

Matthew left everything, including security, income, and reputation, to follow Jesus. What might “leaving everything” look like in our modern context? What tends to tempt us to hold off on giving our full allegiance to Christ?

Matthew went from exploiting his own people to loving them enough to point them to Jesus. How does the gospel reshape the way we view and treat people we once ignored, disliked, or wronged? In what ways have you seen this transformation in your life or in the life of someone close to you?

After following Jesus, Matthew immediately brought his sinful friends to meet Him. What does this teach us about evangelism and relationships? Why do we often hesitate to do the same?

Matthew minimized himself in his own Gospel, keeping the focus on Jesus. What are some ways we tend to make our lives or stories about ourselves rather than about Christ? How can we constantly push ourselves to minimize ourselves and exalt Jesus in our lives?