

Describe a recent experience of waiting with other people, i.e., in a line, for a plane, for restaurant seating, at a doctor's office, etc.

“O.U.R.S. To Do! - #1 Make What?”



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¹ Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town.

² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.

“Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this,
they asked his disciples,
“Why does your teacher eat
with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said,
“It is not the healthy who need a doctor,
but the sick.

¹³ But go and learn what this means:

‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ [Hosea 6:6]

For I have not come to call the righteous,
but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.”

¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak.

²¹ She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there,
two blind men followed him, calling out,
“Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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² A man with leprosy

⁵ ... a centurion came to him, asking for help.

⁶ “Lord,” he said,

“my servant lies at home paralyzed

¹⁴ ... Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed
with a fever

¹⁹ Then a teacher of the law ...

²¹ Another disciple said to him,

“Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

²⁸ ... two demon-possessed men
coming from the tombs met him

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Reading Matthew chapters 8 through 9
is like people- watching in the waiting room
of The Great Physician!

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Matthew 9:13 is one of
the “purpose statements”
Jesus gives us about himself,
e.g. “I have come to ...”

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“Mercy” in the N.T. Greek
translates the Hebrew “hesed”
which can also be translated:

“love”

“loyalty”

“loyal, faithful, steadfast love”

In Matthew 9:12-23, Jesus declares:

+ God wants merciful, steadfast love,
not religious ritual.

+ Jesus has come
to treat the sick, to rescue sinners,
to love the unloved;
not for the well, the righteous, the loved.

+ What Jesus has come for
is what the church is to be about!

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ACTION STEP #1

OFFER HEALING TO THE HURTING

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ACTION STEP #2

OFFER GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP TO THE WANDERING

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he had compassion on them,
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ACTION STEP #3

OFFER LABORERS FOR GOD'S HARVEST OF THOSE RIPE FOR LIFE CHANGE!

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ACTION STEP #4

OFFER CHURCH TEAM MEMBERSHIP:

The purpose of
Rolling Hills Community Church
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ,
equipping them to:

OPEN the fruit of the Spirit to all people;

UNITE human beings to God and
to each other;

REACH OUT beyond their fellowship; and

SERVE as our Lord's ministers and
missionaries.

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