

06-07-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“God’s call comes to us most often in the very ordinary circumstances of our daily lives... It means that we do not have to fast and pray for days on end or achieve some state of perfection in order to discover God’s desire for us; we need only to be attentive in our daily life and work. It is in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives that God speaks to us.”

David Vryhof



Matthew 9:9-13

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean to you to follow Jesus? How is the call to follow Jesus a call to action? What practices keep you attentive to the possibility of Jesus’ call coming afresh as you go about your daily life and work? What does ongoing faithful discipleship look like? How can we as a congregation support as well as hold one another accountable in growing as faithful followers of Jesus?

- What have been your personal costs and benefits of being a disciple? How have you experienced new life in Christ? What have been some of your challenges in following Jesus? What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of discipleship? What perspectives, habits, or mindsets might you need to put aside to follow Jesus’ call more faithfully? What risks might Jesus presently be calling you to take? What will help you remain faithful in following even if the path is unknown or uncertain?

- What people would you identify as today’s “sinners and tax collectors”? Who are the marginalized and excluded in our society? What cultural expectations and conventions prevent making connections and having meaningful interactions with those persons? With whom that you might prefer not to be associated would Jesus be likely to share table fellowship today? What will help you be willing to be present at that table? How might we as a congregation offer welcome, fellowship, compassion, and acceptance to those shunned by society?

Daily Household Prayer

Beckoning God, You promise long journeys and new names. Call us out to risk holy adventure with unusual table companions. Linger with us so that we may be faithful disciples, touching the fringe of your healing on behalf of all Your children. Amen.