



June 7th
"Multiple Choice"
"Moving Decision"

Big Idea: Everyone who Encounters Jesus is called to Action.

Outside of God Himself the most remarkable power in the universe is the power of decision. The power to choose is the power to change a destiny. When Jesus taught and encountered people he relentlessly pressed people to make a decision. No one left Jesus and said, "That was a good talk." They were challenged to take action. This lesson will challenge us to become "followers" and not just "listeners" of Jesus. We are called to make a "Moving Decision."

Open it: What are the two best decisions that you have made and what are two of the worst decisions?

Dig it: Read Matthew 9:9-14.

1. What do you think about the suddenness of the question Jesus asks in verse 9? What about the quick response by Matthew? Do you think he pondered it, went over the pros and cons, or sought counsel?
2. Considering what we know about Tax Collectors in the first Century; what kind of risks did Jesus take in asking the question? What risks did Matthew take in answering?
3. **Read Matthew 7:24-27.** We talked about 3 facts that are clear in this parable. Comment on the power of these three:
 - Everybody Builds a House (A Life)
 - Everybody faces Storms
 - Everybody Chooses a Foundation
4. What is the specific reason stated in this parable for the house standing firm? Give some example of hearing and practicing the words of Jesus.

Reflect on it: Our challenge this week was: Our lives are built on daily action in response to the words of Jesus.

1. What daily action can you take this week where you can live practicing the words of Jesus? Compassion? Purity? Humbleness? Staying Close to the Father? BE specific!
2. What does it say about the nature of God that he would seek out someone who was despised and who had obviously was building a "foolish life?"
3. How do we end up in a "foolish" place? A place we never intended. Give an example where you ended up in a foolish place.
4. What decision will you make this week that might bless how your life is built?

Do it:

Pray as a group for specific actions that were mentioned in your group. Spend some time in encouragement and challenge.

