

**Telling People About Jesus**  
**Matthew 9:9-13**

**FOUR BARRIERS TO TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS**

**Some people are too sinful for God to forgive.**

*““For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, HCSB)*

Jesus came to save sinners.

*“Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matthew 9:13, HCSB)*

**People are not interested in the Gospel of Christ and will not respond.**

*“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, “Follow Me!” So he got up and followed Him.” (Matthew 9:9, HCSB)*

**I am not trained to tell people about Jesus. It is too hard for me to do.**

*“While He was reclining at the table in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came as guests to eat with Jesus and His disciples.” (Matthew 9:10, HCSB)*

**I will be criticized by others or embarrassed if people do not respond.**

*“When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” (Matthew 9:11, HCSB)*

**MATTHEW STRATEGY**

LOOK AROUND and identify your friends, neighbors, co-workers, fellow students, and family who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior. Write their names on the Matthew brochure.

LOOK UP and pray every day for each person you have listed.

LOOK OUT for opportunities to build your relationship with these people.

LOOK FORWARD to the event: Invite every person on your list, prepare your three-minute story, and pray for God's help as you ask your friends if they want the kind of hope that you have – then lead them to Jesus.

LOOK AFTER those who gave their lives to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.