

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

Warning About Ritualism

Matthew 9:9-13

September 14, 2025

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Matthew 9:9</b> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. [10] And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. [11] And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [12] But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [13] Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."</p> <p><b>Hosea 6:6</b> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.</p>	<p><b><i>Humility about our sin and need for Christ guards against falling in to the trap of self-righteous ritualism.</i></b></p> <p><b>I. Sick &amp; Needy vs Proud &amp; Self Righteous (9-11)</b></p> <p><b>II. Why did Jesus come? (12)</b></p> <p><b>III. A Warning About Ritualism (13 and Hosea 6:6)</b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2025-</b></p> <p>Matthew 7:24-25</p> <p>[24] Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.</p> <p>[25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
1. What sins will Jesus not forgive?	This week our family will lift up requests for:
2. What does the immediacy of Matthew's response to Jesus' call teach us about Jesus?	
3. Where are you tempted to act like a Pharisee—focusing on outward appearances instead of inward devotion?	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
4. How does humility about our sin and knowing that we need Jesus guard against being self righteous Pharisees?	
5. Matthew invited his friends to meet Jesus—who is one person you could intentionally invite into your life so they can see Christ at work in you?	HFG Notes & Actions:
6. How can we as a church extend compassion to those who might be considered “outcasts” today?	Next HFG meeting is: