

# GOD

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FOUR LESSONS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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SESSION ONE

# The God of Second Chances



*The Calling of Matthew*



## CHECKING IN

1. If this is your first time meeting as a group, take some time to introduce yourselves.
2. What do you hope to learn from this study?
3. What are some words you would use to describe yourself? What are some words you think that God would use to describe you?



## KEY VERSE

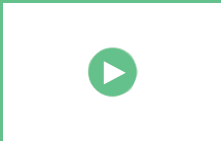
**Matthew 9:9b**

*“Follow me.”*



## WATCH THE VIDEO

*The God of Second Chances*





## STUDY GUIDE

*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. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

**Matthew 9:9-13**

God is a God of second chances. He has a plan and a purpose for your life.

\_\_\_\_\_ **as I am.**

*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.*

**Matthew 9:9**



### DEFINITION

**See**

turn attention toward, perceive, understand

Just as Jesus saw Matthew as he truly was, Jesus sees you just as you are.