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THE NEXT STEP FOR US  
IS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE

## The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

## The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*



## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- What would be worse: losing your wallet/purse every time you went out, OR losing your passwords every time you opened an app/site?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read Matthew 9:35-38. Reviewing from last week, how did Jesus see people? How does our world (even us sometimes) often see people?
- In the Point, Hybels said that when people start following Jesus, they often forget those from their “old life”. What does this mean? Do you see this around you? Without naming names, what does that look like?
- Read Matthew 9:9-13. What did Matthew do shortly after he began following Jesus? What things about this were so unusual?
- What would a “Matthew Party” look like today? Who would be there? What would be the purpose?
- Think back to when you started following Jesus, whether that was last century or last week. Why did you begin following Jesus?
- Thinking about what drew you to Jesus, there was someone who cared enough to take a risk and share that message with you. Are you taking any risks today to reach people who need Jesus? Why or why not?
- Who do you know now who needs Jesus? If you're not sure how to answer consider: who do you have influence on, that no one else does?
- What risk do you need to take to build that relationship for Jesus?
- Close with each person silently praying for their own “relationship risk”

## The References

### Main Passage: Matthew 9:9-13 (NLT)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

### Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."