MATTHEW CALLED Matthew 9:9-13 June 16th, 2024

Intro – As fathers we show our children what to do hoping they will learn to do things correctly. I remember my dad doing that. Jesus is showing us how to do something today.

I. He is teaching us what it means to "follow" Him.

A. It means spiritually surrendering your life and will to Christ. Jn.14:15

B. It means being willing to suffer for His sake. Mt.16:24, Lk.5:27-28

C. It means we imitate Christ. Eph.5:1

D. The devil's children follow his example. Jn.8:44

II. He teaches us by example.

A. He gave many examples, of mercy, of humility, of patience. Lk.6:36, Jn,13:15, 1Tim.1:16

B. Be a friend to the unsaved but speak the truth. Eph.5:7,11

III. He is teaching us that we all need Jesus.

A. So be compassionate, show mercy. Col.3:12

B. Our entire job is to win people for Christ. Lk.19:10

Con. Approach every situation with a heart of compassion. Love others the way Jesus does.