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## Engaging the Lost, the Heart of Jesus

(Matthew 9:9-13)

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This is the first community group of 2023. This year, as we look forward to our 50th anniversary, engaging the lost, we would like to share the joy of the birth of souls through the love of the Lord and the spread of the gospel, which is the most important mission of the church. The church that engages the lost does not just carry out any program, but rather share and reveal Jesus in various ways. Start your community group by sharing one of the most memorable experiences from the week of Engaging the Lost.

1. Looking back on the past week, share your most memorable engaging-the-lost experience.
2. Today's passage describes a scene where Jesus calls Matthew, the tax collector and eats with sinners in their house (vv. 9-11). It is difficult to understand why Jesus called a tax collector or had a meal with the sinners in their house, considering the culture at the time. What aspect of Jesus in today's passage is most inspiring to you?
3. Why did Jesus say He came into the world? (w. 12-13). What is the fundamental difference in life between those who serve the Lord through religious activities and sacrifices and those who serve the Lord with a compassionate heart? If there is anyone among your group who treats others with compassion, take the time to praise them. (You may praise your spouse.) How compassionate am I towards non-believers?

Seeing Jesus visiting Matthew, the tax collector, we realize once again that there is no one we cannot reach out to. As you read the heart of Jesus through this passage, share what aspect of yourself needs the most improvement in order to engage the lost, and pray for it.