Getting Ready to Throw a Party
(Pastor John Mulligan)

Matthew 9:9-13 and Luke 5:27-32 (ESV)

1) Look around
vs. 9 (also see Luke 5:27-28)
9 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.

2) Look forward
vs. 10 (also see Luke 5:29)
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.

3) Look out
vs. 11 (also see Luke 5:30)
11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples: Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?

4) Look up
vs. 12-13 (also see Luke 5:31-32)
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."

Hosea 6:6
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Luke 5:27-32
After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.”28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. 29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” 31 And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

How to get started for throwing your ‘Matthew Party’ Nov 7th

Begin to write out and pray for your “Matthew list” (see insert in program)
Connect this summer in casual meaningful ways (barbecue, coffee, etc)
Write out your story, practice sharing it out-loud in 3-4 minutes (insert)
Review instructions from ‘Matthew Manual’ (pick up after service).
Be listening for future opportunities for church wide prayer & equipping