

Oikos: World Changers
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Preview:

Genesis 1:26-27 – Created in the Image/ Likeness of God

Ecclesiastes 3:11 – God set eternity in our hearts...

Oikos: “A group of 8 to 15 people with whom you share life most closely, your sphere of influence.” – Tom Mercer

The Calling of Levi/ Matthew

Luke 5:27-32

- Jesus and the Tax-collector
 - Levi in his tax/ toll booth
 - Follow me!
 - Levi got up, left everything, and followed him. (compare with 5:11)
 - (Do you wonder what his family thought of this?)

The Immediate Response of Matthew

- Great Banquet – (Lavish celebration!)
 - Oikos – At his home!
 - Large gathering of tax collectors – Matthew’s oikos!
 - Pharisees – complained to the disciples!
 - Jesus replied: The sick need a doctor.
 - I have not come to call the ‘righteous,’ but sinners to life transformation! (repentance)
 - NT emphasis on the outsider! – Lowest, Last, Least, Lost

Epilogue

- Matthew left his primo job – and is still changing the world today!

Keys:

- Matthew was a world-changer!
- Matthew would go to great cost for his circle of influence to meet Jesus.
- Matthew didn’t invite the Pharisees – he started with his own circle of influence!

Application:

- Do you want to make a difference?
- Are you a world-changer?