

West Valley Church of Christ – September 03, 2023

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

PROPER VISION

The name Matthew is a significant one. It means “a gift of God”. There is a lot of speculation on how Matthew, the gospel writer, got his name. I’ll try to limit my speculation except to stress this one question: “How is your vision?” When Jesus saw Matthew (or Levi) sitting in the tax office, only Jesus would have seen him as a gift of God. It certainly didn’t reflect what he did for a living in the eyes of his fellow Jews. However, Jesus looked at this man called Matthew and envisioned what he could become – a gift of God in the truest sense of the meaning. Jesus had the ability to see the full potential in people. Today, as Jesus’ disciples, we would do well to follow in this example of Jesus. The Bible says, “Jesus saw a man named Matthew” (Matthew 9:9). How often people’s eyes are blinded by prejudice, social bias, and self-interest and they fail to see the person. Instead, they see a banker, a school teacher, a policeman, a taxi-driver, a soldier, a realtor, or a CPA. Jesus saw people, not simply by what they did. Whatever the outward circumstances are that might disguise us from really seeing a person, Jesus sees people for who they are and what they could be. He said two words: “Follow Me!” If we want eternal life we must follow Jesus.

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