

# BASE CAMP



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Rare Air

*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.*

## SERIES OVERVIEW

Base camps are a central gathering, a check point no matter what kind of journey you're on. Whether you're summiting Everest or hiking in Brown County, the purpose of a base camp is to rest, refuel, and recenter yourself for the journey ahead.

Our base camp is a revisiting of why we do what we do, who we are, and who we want to be as a church and a community. We need to remember who we are so that we can keep going. We need a *Base Camp*.

## TEXT

Matthew 9:9-13, Acts 4:32-33, Romans 12:13-16

## GETTING STARTED

Share with the group about your first time on a TPCC campus. What were some of your first impressions? How was it similar to or different from other churches you had been to in the past?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. What about the passage in Matthew 9:9-13 really jumps out at you? There are many characters in this story—Jesus, Matthew, the Pharisees, the disciples, and the sinners. With whom do you most identify? Why?
2. Jesus challenges his followers to go and show mercy to others. In what ways can you show others mercy—at work, school, or even at home?

3. Read Romans 12:13-16 and evaluate how eager you are to show hospitality in your own home. Beyond that, how hospitable is your attitude toward people you find difficult to get along with? Do you think you know it all (verse 16)?
4. The Pharisees looked at Mathew's friends and took an arrogant posture towards them. How easy is it to fall into this wrong way of thinking? What are some things you can do to stay humble and not become arrogant like the Pharisees?
5. Outstanding Environments: we will remember that kingdom purpose wins over personal preference as we create environments for people to meet Jesus. In your own words share what this value means?
6. What practical things can we all do to make sure religious traditions and personal preferences don't get in the way of people meeting Jesus? How does each of us play a part?
7. Share a few things that the TPCC environment communicates to people coming on one of our campuses? What are you doing/can do to make TPCC an outstanding environment for others to experience Jesus?

## NEXT STEPS

You play a major part in creating an outstanding environment for others to see Jesus—not just in this place, but in who you are.

What are two things you can do each time you step on a TPCC campus that would help others belong, feel hope, and see Jesus? Think and pray about ways you can create this environment of hospitality in your home or at work.