



SERMON OUTLINE SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

“People Matter”

Matthew 9:9-13

INTRODUCTION: *The bad article in the theological journal.*

I. RELIGION AS IF PEOPLE DO NOT MATTER

- A. In the Pharisee’s system, “Sinners did not count” (v.11)
- B. Jesus replies: “*People, not systems, are important*” (vv.12-13)
- C. The Bible teaches: SINNERS COUNT! (Romans 5:6-8)

II. IN TRUE CHRISTIAN PRACTICE, ALL PEOPLE MATTER

- A. This is where our faith must lead us: All People Matter
- B. But everyday around us there is a clear message:
Some People Do Not Count
- C. The Christian Church is not immune to this attitude
- D. *A letter from a pastor’s files . . .*
- E. Louise Handsbury’s *A Raisin in the Sun . . .*

III. GOD’S LOVE ENABLES US TO MAKE OTHERS COUNT!

- A. So says 1 John 4:7-11
- B. So says Romans 5:6-8
- C. So says Jesus in today’s text (Matthew 9:12)
- D. With God’s love for us we can make others count

CONCLUSION: *HE MOVED THE FENCE!*