



The Church: Hotel or Hospital? *(Matthew 9:9-13)*

Introduction: Have you ever gone and visited the Opryland hotel? What a beautiful resort. Everything you need to “get away from it all.” What is your concept of the church? Why is it here? What is its purpose? What is your relationship to the church? Is the church a hotel for saints or a hospital for sinners?

I. Life In a _____ Hotel

- A) The purpose of a hotel is for the guests to enjoy themselves.
- B) No work – let someone else do it all.
- C) Getaway from your _____ and don't deal with other _____.
- D) You are served rather than doing the serving.

II. Some People Think They Don't Need _____ (Matthew 9:9-13).

- A) The call of Matthew the tax gatherer as a disciple.
- B) Jesus then dines at Matthew's house with “*tax gatherers and sinners.*”
- C) The Pharisees perceived they were _____ and did not _____ the care of a physician.
- D) The Great Physician calls _____.

III. Some People Think _____ Office Visit Cured Them (Matthew 21:28-32).

- A) Story of two sons.
- B) Which one did the will of his father? The one who _____
- C) Sin is a terrible disease.
- D) It spreads rapidly and crops up when and where you don't expect.

IV. What Is _____ Concept of the Church?

- A) Hotel - relax & let others do the work/Hospital - where sick people need your help.
- B) Hotel - get away from your problems and others / Hospital - ministering to others.
- C) Hotel - served / Hospital - where you do the serving (Matthew 25:34-46).
- D) Hotel - affordable; money for other things / Hospital - can do more with support.

V. We All Have Been / Are _____ and In Need of a Physician

- A) What we need is a _____ (Romans 3:23).
- B) Some acknowledge the disease others seek to “play it off” (Luke 18:9-14).
- C) 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- D) Revelation 3:1-3

Conclusion:

1. The Great Physician is calling.
2. Matthew 11:28-30
3. Healing is available.
4. Come to Him NOW!

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Answers:
Resort, problems, people,
cured, well, need, sinners,
one, went, your, sick,
specialist.

