

A photograph of a waiting area with a row of empty blue chairs. The chairs are arranged in a line against a light-colored wall. The floor is covered with a grey carpet. In the foreground, a pair of black high-heeled shoes is placed on the floor between the two middle chairs. The text "a hospital for sinners" is overlaid in white, lowercase letters across the center of the image.

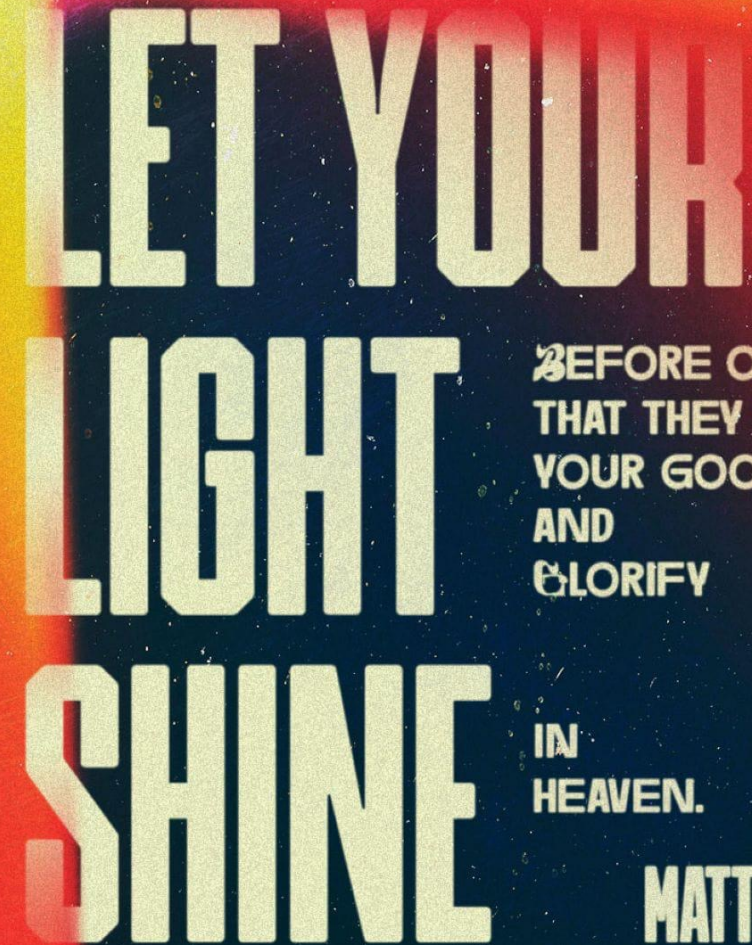
a hospital
for sinners

we are



jesus
centred

Jesus is the pinnacle of God's revelation.
Jesus is the interpretive key of Scripture.
Jesus is the only Way, Truth, & Life.
Jesus is the only one worthy of imitation.
Jesus commands allegiance to His way.



LET YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE

BEFORE OTHERS,
THAT THEY MAY SEE
YOUR GOOD DEEDS
AND
GLORIFY

YOUR
FATHER

IN
HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:16

authentic & open



Levi invited Jesus and His disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw Him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked His disciples, "Why does He eat with such scum?"

When Jesus heard this, He told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Mark 2:15-17

a museum for saints?



“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law & you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs – beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity.

Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy & lawlessness.”

Matthew 23:27-28

a hospital for sinners?

➤ **JACOB WAS A CHEATER**

➤ **JONAH WAS DISOBEDIENT**

➤ **SARAH WAS IMPATIENT**

➤ **PETER HAD A TEMPER**

➤ **DAVID WAS AN ADULTERER**

➤ **ABRAHAM WAS A LIAR**

➤ **MOSES WAS ANGRY**

➤ **PAUL WAS A MURDERER**

➤ **LAZARUS WAS DEAD**

SURELY GOD CAN USE YOU TOO

**WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE
HAD COMPASSION ON THEM,
BECAUSE THEY WERE HARASSED
AND HELPLESS, LIKE SHEEP
WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.**

MATTHEW 9:36



no doctor but jesus



IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE
IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND

will forgive us and purify
us from unrighteousness.

- Our posture towards those outside the church is that of compassion and grace.
- Our posture towards those inside the church is that of compassion and grace.
- We don't judge those who sin differently than we do harsher than we ourselves.
- We don't pretend that we don't struggle with sin or ignore our sinful nature.
- Instead, we confess our sin and graciously support one another.
- Sin is understood as being universal and is referred to Jesus for treatment.