



SERIES 1: MARK 2:13-17

Sermon Notes

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Intro:

Mark 2:13-14

Levi - tax/toll collector. Hated by people.

Jesus calls Levi to follow Him. It cost him everything

Mark 2:15

Sharing in a meal with known sinners and tax collectors angered the Pharisees who teach that doing so makes you unclean. But Jesus was showing them, and others, that His transformational power can turn sinners into disciples.

Jesus' way of showing the kingdom of heaven to sinners is not through religion but through relationship.

Mark 2:16-17

Jesus' key statement - He is the doctor who comes to heal people of their sickness of sin.

We need to recognize that we are sinful and are in need of God's saving grace.

Conclusion:

Luke 18:9-14

Humility must come before healing.

We relate to either Levi or the Pharisees:

1. We think we are too deep in our sins to be saved. So we stay living in our sin.
2. We "aren't as bad as the other guy". We try to earn Jesus' love and grace.

We need to recognize that we are sinful, repent, and turn to Him.

Life Group Discussion

Prayer:

Warm up:

1. How do you think it would feel to be called to be an apprentice by the most popular person in the world? How would Levi have felt to be called by Jesus?

Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you?
2. Read Mark 2:13-17. What stands out to you in this story? How did Jesus show those He was sharing a meal with that relationship is more important than religion?
3. Why do you think it is important to know the doctrine of sin? How often should we think about it?
4. What does this story teach us about the character of Jesus? How can we experience the saving grace of God?

Practicing the Way of Jesus:

1. If you related more to Levi or to the Pharisees in this story, what is God calling you out of? Think about your relationship with Jesus, how can we approach Jesus today in order to receive His saving grace?