



Scripture

13 He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. **14** And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. **15** And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. **16** And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” **17** And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mark 2:13-17)

Outline

Big Idea: We should befriend all people so that they may follow Jesus

Point 1. Jesus purposefully calls the unlikely to himself (vv13-14)

Point 2. Jesus shares meals with both his disciples and outsiders (v15-16a)

Point 3. Jesus heals all who are spiritually sick (vv16b-17)

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: If you could have dinner with any three people (living or historical), who would you invite and why?

Point 1: Jesus purposefully calls the unlikely to himself (vv13-14)

- What stands out to you about Jesus calling Levi (Matthew), a tax-collector to follow him?
- Why do you think Jesus often chooses people whom society might overlook or reject?
- In what ways do you see yourself as an “unlikely” person Jesus has called?

Point 2. Jesus shares meals with both his disciples and outsiders (v15-16a)

- Why do you think sharing meals was such a significant part of Jesus ministry?
- The religious leaders were uncomfortable with Jesus eating with “sinners.” Are there people or groups today that Christ-followers tend to avoid? What would it look like for us to follow the example that Jesus sets here?

Point 3. Jesus heals all who are spiritually sick (vv16b-17)

- What do you think Jesus means when he said, *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”*
- Why do religious people struggle to see their own spiritual need?
- Who in your life might feel like an “unlikely” person to follow Jesus? How can you be part of inviting them to get to know him?

Your Prayer

Write out a three-sentence prayer based off this passage.

