

Time for a Celebration
Lesson #10
Mark 2:13-17
8-3-25

I. Jesus called an outcast to follow Him!

A. He taught the crowd.

****Mark 2:13** *"Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to Him, and He began to teach them."*

Mark 1:14 *"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ^[15] The time has come," He said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

B. He talked to a tax collector.

****Mark 2:14a** *"As he walked along, He saw Levi, son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. ..."*

****Mark 2:14b** *"... "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him."*

Luke 5:28 *"And Levi got up, left everything and followed Him."*

Matthew 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."*

II. Jesus celebrated with Matthew and his friends!

A. Jesus ate at the banquet prepared for Him.

****Mark 2:15a** *"While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house,"*

Luke 5:29a *"Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at His house,"*

B. Jesus associated with tax collectors and sinners at the banquet.

****Mark 2:15b** *"... many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Him and His disciples, for there were many who followed him."*

Luke 5:29b "... and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them."

I Timothy 1:15 "Here is a trustworthy saying, that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' – of whom I am the worst."

III. Jesus was criticized by the Pharisees and Scribes.

****Mark 2:16** "When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

IV. Jesus corrected the Scribes and Pharisees.

A. Jesus presented medical analogy.

****Mark 2:17** "On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

B. Jesus proclaimed His mission in the world.

Mark 2:17b "... I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

How can we apply this to our life?

A. God initiates the call for salvation.

**Q: Have you accepted His salvation invitation?
If not, will you?**

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

I John 4:10 "This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Romans 10:14 "How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

^[15] And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

B. God includes those who trust Him in His family.

Q: Are you trusting in Jesus to be your Savior; or are you trusting in water baptism, communion or good works to get you to Heaven?

John 1:12 "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

Galatians 3:16 "Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So, we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified."

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on Him."

C. God impacts our life and changes us.

Q: Are there changes in your behavior, attitudes, desires and character since the time you were saved?

Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, to die is gain!"

Philippians 3:7 "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ^[8] What is more, I consider everything loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."