

September 24, 2017
Mark 2:13-17

THE CALL OF LEVI

I. Introduction:

“Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A larger crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.”
Mark 2:13

II. Jesus And The Tax Collector: (Vs. 14)

A. Who Was Levi?

“As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth.
Mark 2:14

B. Levi Encounters Jesus

“Follow me” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.” Mark 2:14

Lessons:

- No One Is Beyond _____.
- Jesus Knows How To Reach Your _____ Loved Ones.
- Jesus Sees The Hidden _____ In The Lives Of the Lost.
- It Is Impossible To Know What Is Happening In An _____ Heart.

III. Jesus And The Party: (Vs. 15)

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.”
Mark 2:15

A. The _____ Of The Party

B. The _____ In The Party

IV. Jesus And The Problem: (Vs. 16)

A. The Critics:

B. The Criticism:

V. Jesus And The Pronouncement: (Vs. 17)

A. Jesus And His _____

B. Jesus And His _____

VI. Conclusion and Application:

**POINTS TO PONDER
Week of September 24th
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Open It

1. *What feelings or attitudes do most people have about the Internal Revenue Service?
2. When do you remember playing "follow the leader" as a kid?
3. Who are some controversial leaders that you know of? Why are they controversial?

Explore It

4. In what setting did the events of this story take place? (2:13)
5. *What was Levi's status among his neighbors? (2:14)
6. What did Jesus want when He spoke to Levi? (2:14)
7. What was Levi's response to Jesus' words? (2:14)
8. What did Levi stand to lose by leaving his work to follow Jesus? (2:14)
9. *Why is it significant that Jesus went to Levi's house for dinner? (2:14-15)
10. Who were the other dinner guests at Levi's house when Jesus had dinner with him? (2:15)
11. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' actions? (2:16)
12. What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees? (2:17)
13. *What was it about Jesus' life-style and attitude that made the Pharisees so uncomfortable? (2:15-17)

Get It

14. *Why do you think Jesus chose to ask Levi to be one of His followers?
15. Who would be the equivalent of a tax collector in our society?
16. What do you think Jesus' disciples thought when He went to Levi's house?
17. What do you think bystanders and other strangers thought of Jesus at this point?

18. Why do you think that people of ill repute were so attracted to Jesus?
19. How do churches tend to treat people like tax collectors?
20. Judging from this passage, how does God want to relate to us?
21. How should we view ourselves if we decide to respond to Christ's call?
22. *How should we treat the outcasts of our society?
23. How do you personally need to respond to Jesus' call on your life?
24. What can you learn from Levi's example in this story?
25. What does this passage teach you about the best way to tell others about Christ?
26. When have you ever acted the same way that the Pharisees did in this story?
27. How can you follow Jesus' example of associating with people of low reputation?

Apply It

28. *In what specific way can you honor or recognize a person of "lower status" this week?
29. What can you do to listen to Christ as He calls you?