



Title | Levi
Series | Bring One
Text | Mark 2:13-17
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Sermon Notes

Mark 2:13 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.” *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Mark 2:15 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. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Mark 2:13-14. Does Levi's decision to follow Jesus seem abrupt and unrealistic? How do you explain it?

Tuesday:

In first-century Palestine, Jewish tax collectors were considered social pariahs, especially by other Jews. According to Mark 2:13-14, a Jewish tax collector named Levi is publicly called by Jesus and follows him. How would other Jews feel about this? Why did Jesus do it?

Wednesday:

Read Mark 2:14-15. What happens between verses 14 and 15? Is Levi's guest list surprising to you? Why or why not? Why were these people invited? How can we follow Levi's example?

Thursday:

Read Mark 2:16-17. What point is Jesus making? How does it relate to us today?

Friday:

What can we learn from Levi's story in Mark 2:13-17? How can we apply it to our lives today?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the example of Levi. Thank you for your grace that transcends social barriers. Help me to bring life to the one who may not be like me. Amen.