

The Call of God on My Life: (What is it?)

Mark 2:13-17

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Discussion Questions – Life Groups

HEAD

From Luke (5:27-32) we learn that Levi gave a great banquet for Jesus, which was attended by other tax collectors and “sinners.” Who were these sinners? What was the significance of eating with them?

What did Levi stand to lose by leaving his work to follow Jesus? (2:14)

What do we learn about Levi (Matthew) from the kinds of friends he has that he invites to his banquet? (2:15) Why do you think Jesus asked him to “follow me”?

Four things that are applicable today:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

There are three callings on our lives:

- 1.

2.

3.

HEART

How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus’ actions? What was it about Jesus’ life-style and attitude that made the Pharisees so uncomfortable?

Sometimes when you feel unwelcome at a church or dinner or exclusive affair, it is because others are looking down on you (like the Pharisees did). But other times you may have brought it on yourself, for example, by inappropriate dress or boorish behavior. Paul said that Christians should not do things that would cause new believers or those with weak faith to stumble. What kind of things do you do (or have you seen done) that might cause others to doubt their faith?

Why do you think that sinners and people of “ill repute” were so attracted to Jesus? (2:15)

HANDS

How do some churches today tend to treat “tax collectors?” How should we treat the outcasts of society? Do you do so?

When have you ever acted the same way the Pharisees did in this story?

What can you learn from Levi’s example in this story? Be specific!