

Happy Mother's Day!
The Befriending of Sinners
Mark 2:13-17
May 7-8, 2022

- Last Week: Mark 2:1-12 The Forgiveness of Sin

3 Sermons On Sin

- The Effects Of Sin (1:40-45)
- The Forgiveness Of Sin (2:1-12)
- **The Befriending Of Sinners (2:13-17)**

How Jesus Treats Sinners

1. Jesus Initiates The Relationship (**Mark 2:14**)
2. Jesus Calls The Unclean & Unlikely (**Mark 2:14-15**)
3. He Ate With "Sinners" — Treated Them Like Family & Friends (**Mark 2:15-16**)
 - ἁμαρτωλῶν (hamartolon) - to forfeit by missing the mark, 'wide of the mark' (**Mark 2:16**)
4. To Befriend Many, Befriend One (**Mark 2:14-15**)

What People Say About It

- "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (**Mark 2:16**)
1. Questions Are Asked & Accusations Are Made (**Mark 2:16**)
 - "He was teaching them..." **2:13**
 2. Jesus Teaches *Who* He Is By Teaching *Why* He Befriends This Way (**Mark 2:13,17**)

What Jesus Says About It

- "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 2:17**)
1. Sick Sinners Need A Soul Physician (**Mark 2:17**)
 2. Sinners Need Both Proximity & Potency (**Mark 2:17**)
 - Proximity: The Physician Near Us
 - Potency: Medicine Strong Enough To Heal

How Jesus Can Change Us

1. Jesus Makes Us Unafraid To Be The Sinners We Are (**Mark 2:17**)
2. Jesus Changes How We Relate With God (**Mark 2:14-17**)

3. Jesus Changes How We Relate With Others (**Mark 2:17**)

4. Jesus Changes How We Pray, Care, & Share (**Col. 4:2-6**)

*Because Jesus Lovingly Restores Sinners Moms Can Lovingly Pray, Care & Share Christ
With Others Around The Table!*

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. How have you seen your mom or other mother figures in your life embody what you see Jesus doing in Mark 2:13-17?
2. Why do people speak against how Jesus is treating these tax collectors and sinners?
3. Jesus compares Himself to a physician. In what ways is Jesus like a physician?
4. For our sinful souls to be restored why do we need both potency and proximity?
5. Jesus in His kindness dines with sinners. What are the dangers and the opportunities of following Jesus' example today?

Suggested Reading: *A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table*, by Tim Chester

Key Words For Kids To Count: Sinner, Sinners