

Open Your Home And Your Heart!

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BIG IDEA: Acknowledging the needs of those around us, a disciple of Jesus Christ should open our homes and open our hearts to minister to those in close proximity to us.

Mark 2:13-17

“He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. 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. 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. 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?” 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.”

1. A Disciple of Christ is the church when you open up your _____ to those _____ to you? (v 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.” - Mark 2:15

“And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.” - Luke 5:28,29

2. A Disciple of Christ is the church when you open your _____ to your _____ . (v 16-17)

“Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.” – Mark 2:16-17

3. A Disciple of Christ should strive to be a _____ in a dark world to those closest to us. (v 17b)

“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” – Mark 2:17b

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?” - 2 Cor 6:14

*“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.”
John 17:15*

Truth in Action:

1. It might look different for everyone, but pray about how you can open your home for ministry.
2. Pray over your community and ask God to open your heart to someone. Who is that? What is your next step?
3. When stepping into situations for ministry we must be vigilant and hold on to the anchor of Christ to be a light in a dark world.

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up:

1. Share an experience where you hosted an event where “cultural circles collided”. How did it start? How did it end up?

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss what Luke’s account in Luke 5:28 means when it says “Leaving EVERYTHING”. What did Matthew leave behind. Discuss what that may mean for us as believers today?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14. What are some practical ways that you can guard your hearts when opening your home and hearts to those that do not share your values and you love of Jesus Christ.