

The Gospel of **MARK**

Community Group Questions Oct 17, 2021

“Sick!” Mark 2:13-22

Kicking Things Off

What makes you feel loved and accepted?

Getting Into It

What's going on in vs 13-14?

Levi (Matthew) is a tax gatherer. What do we know about the tax gatherers of that day? Why does it seem like Levi would be an unlikely choice for Jesus to pick as one of His “inner circle”?

Describe the scene in vs. 15-17.

What boundaries did Jesus have to cross to reach these people?

What's the concern of the Pharisees? What's Jesus' response?

Jesus says it's not the healthy that need a doctor, only the sick. Is there anyone who really is healthy? (see Rom. 3:23) So what's our take away from this statement for personal application?

Who do you relate to more in the gospels, the scribes and Pharisees or the “sinners” and tax collectors, those who see other people's sins or those who are acutely aware of their own sins? Why?

Think of the various types of people who are not like you, who don't share your values, that you don't really get along with or care for. How would you feel if those people started showing up in droves to The Fields, your church, your place?

What would it be like for you to initiate a friendly relationship with some of those folks?

How is it possible to love people who are not like us, those who don't share our values or interests or background?

When you think about sharing the gospel with those who don't know Jesus, what fears or hesitations do you personally need to overcome?

What happens when a church becomes a “holy huddle”?

On the heels of a great feast with tax gathers and sinners, Mark brings up the Pharisees questions in vs. 18-20. Why?

What's Jesus' response?

How does 21-22 fit in with all of this?

The Parting Shot

Based on what we've studied tonight, who might God be calling you to share the gospel with, someone who you might be uncomfortable around?

