

**I. Scandalous Call**

**Mark 2:13-14** He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> 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.

**II. Scandalous Community**

**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.

- A. Community of grace
- B. Community of mercy
- C. Community of truth
- D. Community of love

**III. Scandalous Mission**

**Mark 2:16-17** 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?” <sup>17</sup> 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.”

**Matthew 10:2-4** The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and **Matthew the tax collector**; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.