**Sermon Notes**

**“Eating with Sinners”**

Mark 2:13–17 (NIV84)

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**Jesus Calls Levi**

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**Jesus Eats at Levi’s House**

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*Psalm 1:1
Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers*

* *Does Jesus want to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those kind of people? Why?*
* *What is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by attending this feast?*

**A New Kingdom *Calling***

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**Questions for Discussion**

1. What was the most significant insight of this message for you? Where do you feel God’s prompting/challenge?

2. Eating with others is profoundly formative. “We become like those with whom with eat with the most” (Timothy Keller). In what ways have you experienced this truth?

3. How would you describe the eating practices of your home? What are the consequences of these practices?

4. “The older I get the more convinced I am that effectively leading others to Jesus begins with the question, ‘Would you like to come over for dinner?’” Agree or disagree?

5. Many people use this text to support the idea that Jesus hung out with sinners and loved people without expectations. How does Jesus’ statement “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” challenge this view?

6. Do you think Christians today do a good job of welcoming non-Christians into their homes and lives? Why or why not? How do you need to be challenged in this regard?

**Take Action**

1. Invite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Help organize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_