

worthwhile risk? What implications does this have for us, individually and as a church?

# Sermon Notes

“Jesus is Calling Sinners”

Mark 2:13-17

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5. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to love and share the gospel with non-believers. How do we build relationships that don't affirm sinful behavior, but instead graciously balance truth and love?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. For the sake of God's kingdom, what intentional steps can you take to reach out to today's “unlovely” or “seemingly unreachable” population?

**Let's Pray:**

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05-18-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 71-72; Lyman Coleman, et al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 91; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 18-19; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 32-35.

## Getting Started:

1. What feelings or attitudes do most people have about the Internal Revenue Service?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 2:13-17.

2. Compare and contrast how those present may have felt about Jesus' choice to ask Levi to be His follower and to go to Levi's house with sinners (i.e., Jesus, Levi, other disciples, by-standers, Levi's friends, Pharisees, etc.).
3. Are we distracted by the visible sin (the symptoms), such that we neglect to see the sinner (the patient/the person)? How does Jesus see sinners? (Consider their value, spiritual need, physical need, potential, need for grace, their heart, etc.)
4. What did it cost Jesus to choose a tax collector for a disciple? Why do you think Jesus considers this a