

The Invitation

Include New Dinner Guests

Mark 2:15-17

Launch

If you could have dinner with any person in the world alive today, who would it be and why?

Explore

Read the passage

Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus for eating dinner at Levi's house? Why do you suppose they complained to his disciples and not directly to Jesus?

What do you think of Jesus's response? How might the Pharisees have reacted?

How did Jesus love sinful people without condoning their sin?

Apply

The Pharisees were focused on separation from sinners but Jesus focused on transformation of sinners. When it comes to spending time with people who are far from God, what is your natural default? Why?

There are generally two camps in the LGBTQ debate: those who fully affirm and celebrate vs people who condemn and separate. How does Jesus's statement in vs 17 reflect a different perspective? How should this guide us?

"We can't fulfill Jesus' mission unless we're with sinful people." Agree or disagree?

Pray

Pray for people in your life who need to experience the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. Ask God how He wants to use you to share his love to them.