



Hanging With Jesus

Mark 2:13-17

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt unfairly judged by someone else?
2. Why do you think it is so easy for us to unfairly judge others?

LEVI - verses 13-15

1. What do these verses help you to understand about Levi?
2. Mark and Luke record essentially the same call and response, but refer to Matthew as Levi (Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32). In his gospel account Levi refers to himself as Matthew (meaning “gift of God”) which was a name probably given to him by Jesus (Matthew 9:9-13). Why might Levi refer to himself as Matthew?
3. What impresses you about Levi’s response to Jesus?
4. These days, what does it look like for you to respond to Jesus as Levi did?

THE SCRIBES OF THE PHARISEES - verse 16

1. Who were the Scribes of the Pharisees?
2. What does this verse help you to understand about the Scribes of the Pharisees?
3. The Scribes of the Pharisees were correct in their concern for Jesus: TRUE FALSE
4. These days, how might your attitude be similar to that of the Scribes and Pharisees?

JESUS - verse 17

1. What does verse 17 help you to understand about Jesus?
2. How is Jesus’ purpose statement in verse 17 consistent with His message in Mark 1:15?
3. What was Jesus’ attitude toward Levi? The Scribes of the Pharisees? The guests at Levi’s house?
4. These days, what are you doing to grow in having the same attitude Jesus demonstrates in these verses?

PROCESSING ALL THAT...

1. As a former “tax collector”, these days, what does it mean for you to know that God sees you as being created in His image?
2. Who are the tax collectors in your life? Who are the sick people?
3. What might it mean for them to also understand that they are created in the image of God?
4. How will you share that truth with them?

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. These days, do you think Creekside’s “attitude” is more like Levi, the Scribes of the Pharisees, or Jesus?
2. Are there any attitude adjustments that we need to make? If so, what are they and what steps will we take in order to change?