

BACK TO YOUR FUTURE:

God, Do You Hear Me?

October 17, 2021 Derwin Gray Mark 2:13-17

OPENING QUESTION

Are there certain people you just don't want to be around? Why? What kinds of people does Jesus call to follow Him?

WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU ARE PRAYING TO A FATHER WHO LOVES ALL - Mark 2:13-14

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ 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.

- The Father loves and reaches out to
 - Social outcasts
 - Damaged people
 - Non-religious people

Who do you know that fits into one or more of the three groups above? Are you in any of these groups?

WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE, YOU INVITE OTHERS TO THE PARTY OF GRACE - Mark 2:15

¹⁵ And as he reclined at a table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

- Everyone is invited to God's table.
- Jesus and the disciples often invited those who were not welcome in other places.

Would you be willing to take a chance and invite someone to meet Jesus who may not be welcome in "respectable" places?

THE FATHER'S LOVE MAKES THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS MAD AND THE SINNERS JOYFUL - Mark 2:16-17

¹⁶ 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?" ¹⁷ 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."

- The Pharisees sought out nice, religious people, but Jesus seeks out people who are sick with sin.

How does this passage apply to you? Do you sometimes feel unworthy of time with Jesus? Why did Jesus come to us in the first place?

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS' INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP? - Mark 2:14

¹⁴ 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.

Could this verse be for you? If He called Levi (Matthew), the lowest of the low in a Jew's eyes, to join Him, would it be hard to imagine Him calling you to follow Him?

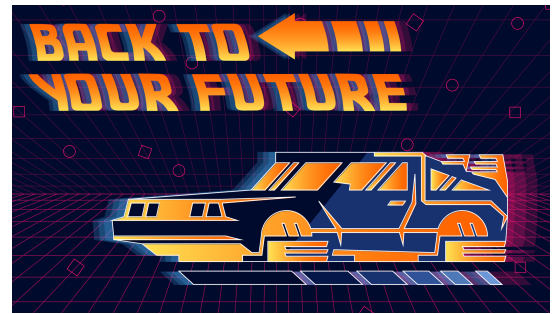
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CLOSING QUESTIONS

Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week's sermon and Scriptures?

Obey

Is there anything keeping you from truly following Jesus? Is there anything keeping you from inviting others to follow Jesus? Who did Jesus come and die for? What truths can be applied to your life from the verses this week?

Pray

Pray that God will remind you of what He has done for you and wants to do for others. Pray for the outcast, damaged, and non-religious people you know and interact with. How does Jesus provide an example for you to follow in Mark 2?