

DINNER PARTY

May 7, 2023

MESSAGE RECAP

Through the story of Matthew's (Levi) calling, we'll see up close the mission that Jesus had in coming. Jesus' life shows us his intentions for all people. Through his actions, he demonstrated radical inclusion across a variety of backgrounds and cultures. By inviting both Christians and non-Christians to reexamine the story of Jesus, we can also reexamine our relationship with those we might view as our enemies. We can both experience and offer the kind of radical acceptance that Jesus demonstrated.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. If you have the ability, watch these two *He Gets Us* ads:
<https://youtu.be/rUUG3aXWiA0>; https://youtu.be/-Eg_yrpjmlY
2. After listening to the message and watching these ads, what stood out to you?
3. Read [Mark 2:13-17](#). Why is Jesus' invitation to Levi unique? Why are the Pharisees so upset with Jesus eating a meal with Levi and his friends?
4. Where is the modern, American church in danger of acting like the Pharisees that Jesus is in constant tension with?
5. Jesus never accepted sin; he came to die as a sacrifice because of it. But he did accept sinners. How do we live this out ourselves?
6. The good news Jesus came to bring is both inclusive and exclusive. How can it be both?
7. There are 3 common ways a church perceives its mission to the world: Evade, Pervade, or Engage. How are each of those played out? Which one is more your tendency personally?
8. What's a practical way to live with radical acceptance of others this week?

PRAY