

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS— MARK 2:13-17

THE UNQUALIFIED MAY APPLY

The good news of the Gospel is that we do not have to meet any qualifications to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus seeks out sinners of his own initiative and calls them to follow him. Are you following?

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 2:13-17. What sort of person was Levi? _____

What did Jesus do after calling Levi? Why was it significant? _____

How did the Pharisees react to Jesus' actions? Why did they react as they did? _____

How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you think that you have to be "good enough" in order to be a follower of Jesus? Why or why not? _____

Do you feel qualified to follow Jesus? Why or why not? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Are you a member of the crowd, or are you actually following Jesus? How would you know? _____

On what are you depending for your salvation? _____

Do you regularly spend time with non-Christians, or have you become isolated into a "holy huddle"? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How can you rest more fully in the grace of Jesus alone for your salvation? _____

What steps will you take to spend more time with non-Christians for the sake of making disciples? _____