

Jesus Calls Sinners | Family Worship Guide

Mark 2:13-17



MAIN IDEA: Jesus calls sinners to follow him. Those who follow Christ, know they are sinners, and desire for other sinners to follow Christ.

PREPARATION:

Think about the most unruly people that you have encountered or heard about- people who use bad language, bullies, thieves, criminals. Are you any better than them? Without Christ, we are ALL sinners in need of a Savior.

EXPLANATION:

In this passage, Jesus is reminding us that no one is without sin. No human is made right (righteous) without Christ. People can sometimes think that they are better than others and strive to do good things in their own strength. This is called self-righteous. The scribes of the Pharisees were self-righteous people. In verse 16, these Pharisees wondered why Jesus sat and ate with sinners! Jesus came to save sinners!! Then, in verse 17, Jesus reminds us that he came to call sinners to himself. Those who think they are “good” people, or self-righteous, don’t think they need a Savior. We are encouraged as Christ-followers to sit with sinners as Jesus does in these verses. How will the lost see and hear of God’s great love if we never speak to them? Romans 3:10-12 reads, “None is righteous, no not one; no one understands; no one seeks God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” None of us deserve God’s love and grace and forgiveness. Let’s see ourselves on a level playing field with every other human—fallen and hopeless without Christ. Whether it’s a lying tongue or stealing money from a bank, we are all plagued by sin BUT “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8.

CONVERSATION:

- How can you respond to the bully at school or the kids that are mean to you?
- Have you ever thought that someone is too “bad” to be saved?
- What does humility mean to you in light of this passage?

APPLICATION:

- Consider someone in your life that may not know the reality of their sin separating them from God. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share with them and show them the love of Jesus.
- For the next week, remember the words of Jesus in verse 17 that say, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” Reflect on the sickness/sin problem that you have and rejoice that the Great Physician came to make a way.

SUPPLICATION:

Lord, you are our Healer and the only one who can make us in right standing with you. Thank you for sending your Son to live a perfect life that none of us are capable of living and dying a death that we all deserve. You came to heal us from our sin problem and give us righteousness that we could never earn on our own no matter how hard we might try. God, give us compassion for those around us who are without hope and lost in their sin. Help us to be your hands and feet and a mouthpiece to share the good news of who you are and what you’ve done.

EXULTATION:

[Jesus, Friend of Sinners w/ lyrics by Casting Crowns - YouTube](#)

Jesus, friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away
We cut down people in Your name, but the sword was never ours to swing
Jesus, friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see
The world is on their way to You, but they're trippin' over me
Always lookin' around, but never lookin' up, I'm so double minded
A plank eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided

Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers
Oh, let our hearts be led by mercy
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors
Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks Yours

Jesus, friend of sinners, the one who's writing in the sand
Made the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands
Help us to remember we are all the least of these
Let the memory of Your mercy bring Your people to their knees
Nobody knows what we're for, only what we're against when we judge the wounded
What if we put down our signs, crossed over the lines and love like You did?

Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers
And let our hearts be led by mercy
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors
Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks Yours

You love every lost cause, You reach for the outcast (every outcast)
For the leper and the lame; they're the reason that You came
Lord, I was that lost cause (I was that lost cause) and I was the outcast (and I was the outcast)
But You died for sinners just like me, a grateful leper at Your feet

'Cause You are good, oh, You are good and Your love endures forever
Oh, You are good, You are good and Your love, endures forever
Oh, You are good, yes, You are good and Your love endures forever
Oh, You are good, oh, You are good and Your love endures forever

Jesus, friend of sinners
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers
But let our hearts be led by mercy
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors
Oh, Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks Yours
And I was the lost cause and I was the outcast
Yeah
You died for sinners just like me, a grateful leper at Your feet