

“Dining with Sinners”
Mark 2:13-17

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Intro.

Legalism: strict adherence, or the principle of strict adherence, to law or prescription, especially to the letter rather than the spirit.

- I. Teaching (v 13) (Mark 1:22)
- II. Called Levi (v 14) (Matthew 9:9)
 - A. Tax collector
 - 1. Despised
 - 2. Preyed on their own people
 - 3. Rejected God
 - 4. Employed by Rome
 - B. Followed
- III. Dining (v 15)
 - A. Matthew’s house
 - B. Sinners AND tax collectors (Genesis 18:18; Matthew 12:21)
 - C. Defiled (Matthew 15:11)
- IV. Complained (v 16)
 - A. Religious leaders
 - B. Approached disciples
 - C. Not following the RULES

D. Losing followers

E. Didn’t rejoice

V. Confronted (v 17)

A. Self-righteous (Matthew 5:20)

B. Failure (Luke 18:11-12)

VI. Application

A. Identify legalism

- 1. Distorts the gospel
- 2. Rules vs. grace
- 3. Based on Scripture?

B. Don’t argue with a legalist (Galatians 2:4-5)

C. Oppose legalism

D. Enjoy your freedom in Christ (1 Peter 2:16)

Galatians 5:1, 4-6 - It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

Action Point: _____

Next week: Mark 2:18-28