

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Celebration 04-24-2022

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Series: Unlikely Converts - Jesus's Followers Often Shock Religious Folks

Series Big Idea: Jesus invites everyone to his party and welcomes everyone who accepts the invitation. The people following Jesus often surprise the proper rule-keeping religious people.

Text: Matthew 9:9-13

Title: Inviting Outsiders not Indulging Insiders

Matthew 9:9-13 NIV

<small>9</small> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.

"Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<small>10</small> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <small><font

color="#999999">11</small> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <small>12</small> On hearing this,

Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <small>13</small> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the

righteous, but sinners."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.9.9-13.NIV>

The religious leaders' question:

Why does Jesus hang out with those people?

Jesus answered that question by declaring his mission, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Luke 19:1-10 NIV

<small>1</small> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <small>2</small> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <small>3</small> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <small>4</small> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <small>5</small> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <small>6</small> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <small>7</small> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." <small>8</small> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." <small>9</small> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <small>10</small> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/luk.19.1-10.NIV>

John 3:17 NIV

<small>17</small> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

<https://john.bible/john-3-17>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Your mission, should you choose to follow Jesus, is to invite the outsiders, not to indulge the insiders.

John 13:34-35 NIV

<small>34</small> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <small>35</small> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.13.34-35.NIV>

YouVersion Event Bonus: How does Jesus love us?

One very good description is found in 1 Corinthians 13.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV

<small>4</small> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <small>5</small> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <small>6</small> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <small><font

color="#999999">7</small> It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
<https://bible.com/bible/111/1co.13.4-7.NIV>