

Scandalous Mark 2:13-17

The BIG Idea

Self-righteousness is _____. Philippians 3:9, "And being found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith."

Powerful Grace (verses 13-14)

- Grace is the only _____ for Levi abandoning his tax booth to follow Jesus.
- When Jesus calls Levi to be an apostle, it isn't just surprising; it's _____.
- This is the sin-overcoming, life-changing, God-glorifying _____ of _____.

Don't _____ the power of God's grace. Where are you tempted with this?

Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Scandalous Grace (verses 15-17)

- To the Pharisee, grace is immoral and unethical because it's _____.
- But that's the point: grace is _____ doing for us what we could never do for ourselves. It's Jesus being for us who we could never be ourselves. It's Jesus earning God's favor _____.
- Here's the shocker: Jesus feels _____ with a big group of sinners and tax collectors.
- But there's a group of guys outside the house who aren't _____ with Jesus being with these sinners—it's the _____.

Which group would you be a part of?

- Jesus came for _____, not for those who think they are _____.
- When we think we can work our way into God's good graces, we don't just _____ grace; we scandalize grace, and _____ grace ... because it's only for people who aren't _____.

Three Questions

1. Do you genuinely _____ God's work of grace in _____? 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
2. _____ do you do what you do to _____ God? Galatians 2:21, "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose."
3. Who are you _____?
 - The church of Jesus Christ is not made up of _____ people; it's made up of alive people who were once dead-in-their-sin people who have who have received righteousness from God as a _____. 1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am."