

Following Christ and Leading People to Him

Mark 2:13-17

- I. **Following Christ – A decision for discipleship: Am I following Christ wholeheartedly (Mark 2:13-14)?**
 - A. **The Privilege of following Christ:** God often picks the least likely to follow Him the most closely.
 - As a despised tax-collector, Levi (Matthew) was a surprising pick to follow Christ as a disciple.
 - Have I decided that God mostly uses just certain kind of people?
 - B. **The Sacrifice of following Christ:** Following Christ is always costly – affecting our purpose and priorities.
 - Levi left a profitable livelihood to follow Christ.
 - How does my desire for money or material things affect my willingness to serve God?

- II. **Leading people to Christ – The Process of Evangelism: Am I reaching out relationally to those who need Christ (Mark 2:15-17)?**
 - A. **Christ’s Method of Outreach:** To lead people to Christ we must have normal, meaningful relationships with people who are unsaved.
 - Have I distanced myself from unbelievers because I am most comfortable with believers as friends?
 - If my unsaved friends are not open to Christ right now, will I still love them or will I reject them as friends?
 - Who am I targeting to introduce to Jesus Christ? How will I do it?
 - B. **Christ’s Focus of Outreach:** To lead people to Christ, we must seek out those who know they have a spiritual need (2:16, 17).
 - It is the spiritually needy, not the self-righteous who respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ.