

# The Calling of Levi - Mark 2:13-17

*Topics:* Call, Evangelism, Follow, Judging Others, Legalism, Ministry

## Open It

- \* 1. What feelings or attitudes do most people have about the Internal Revenue Service?
- 2. When do you remember playing “follow the leader” as a kid?
- 3. Who are some controversial leaders that you know of? Why are they controversial?

## Explore It

- 4. In what setting did the events of this story take place? (2:13)
- \* 5. What was Levi’s status among his neighbors? (2:14)
- 6. What did Jesus want when He spoke to Levi? (2:14)
- 7. What was Levi’s response to Jesus’ words? (2:14)
- 8. What did Levi stand to lose by leaving his work to follow Jesus? (2:14)
- \* 9. Why is it significant that Jesus went to Levi’s house for dinner? (2:14-15)
- 10. Who were the other dinner guests at Levi’s house when Jesus had dinner with him? (2:15)
- 11. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus’ actions? (2:16)
- 12. What was Jesus’ response to the Pharisees? (2:17)
- \* 13. What was it about Jesus’ life-style and attitude that made the Pharisees so uncomfortable? (2:15-17)

## Get It

- \* 14. Why do you think Jesus chose to ask Levi to be one of His followers?
- 15. Who would be the equivalent of a tax collector in our society?
- 16. What do you think Jesus’ disciples thought when He went to Levi’s house?
- 17. What do you think bystanders and other strangers thought of Jesus at this point?
- 18. Why do you think that people of ill repute were so attracted to Jesus?
- 19. How do churches tend to treat people like tax collectors?
- 20. Judging from this passage, how does God want to relate to us?
- 21. How should we view ourselves if we decide to respond to Christ’s call?
- \* 22. How should we treat the outcasts of our society?
- 23. How do you personally need to respond to Jesus’ call on your life?
- 24. What can you learn from Levi’s example in this story?
- 25. What does this passage teach you about the best way to tell others about Christ?
- 26. When have you ever acted the same way that the Pharisees did in this story?
- 27. How can you follow Jesus’ example of associating with people of low reputation?

## Apply It

- \* 28. In what specific way can you honor or recognize a person of “lower status” this week?
- 29. What can you do to listen to Christ as He calls you?