

Follow Up Questions from message on Sunday, October 22, 2017

Lutheran Like Us Series – What now?

Re-read: Mark 2:13-17

1. What, in your opinion, is the most despised occupation that people live out today?
2. Who or what is one group of sinners that you wouldn't want to associate with today?
3. According to the first 12 verses of Mark 2, where had Jesus been immediately preceding verses 13-17?
4. In today's text, Mark 2: 13-17, what three, separate, yet interconnected activities do we find Jesus involved in?
5. In verse 14 Jesus called Levi to follow him. What do we know about Levi's prior occupation as a tax collector?
6. What do we assume Levi's status was, positive or negative, with: fellow Jews, the Romans, the religious establishment, other followers of Jesus?
7. Why do you think Levi was willing to immediately leave his job and follow Jesus?
8. What was the significance of Jesus and his disciples having dinner at Levi's house with many tax collectors and sinners? Who do you think these sinners really were?
9. Who were the scribes and Pharisees included in verse 16? Why were they so concerned about Jesus eating with these tax collectors and sinners?
10. How did Jesus respond to their question of concern in verse 17? What was the meaning of this metaphor from Jesus?
11. Looking back on this encounter today, who would we say are the truly sick ones?
12. Who are the ones today that we are most likely to identify as the sinners?
13. How open are we, as individuals and as a church, to welcoming and receiving sinners into our congregation and personal lives of faith, here at Bethany?