



Neighboring

won't you be mine

Part 4:

The Everyday Neighbor

Take Home:

God places us where we are so that we can be neighbors to those we interact with every day.

Bible Text:

Mark 2:13-17

Before You Begin:

Go around the room and ask for prayer requests. As your group is sharing, ask the following question:

What about your past, makes you able to reach people that are beyond others' influence?

Next Steps:

Help your Group identify and take next steps with Jesus. Pray with them and for them, and ask about their next steps later in the week

- Identify and write down the names of people with whom you have some influence. Reach out to them via social media or phone in order to introduce them to Jesus. Remember **Colossians 4:5-6!**

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Mark 2:13-14**
- 2) What type of person is a tax collector? What did the Jews think about them?
- 3) In our society, who would be the outcast that no one would want to deal with? Who is the person that is looked down on because of decisions they have made?
- 4) What stands out to you as Jesus calls Matthew? What does that tell us about God's grace?
- 5) **Read Mark 2:15**
- 6) What does it appear Matthew does with his newfound life direction? Who does he invite to this party?
- 7) Why would Matthew invite all of these people to this party?
- 8) Do you think that Matthew would have a better chance of introducing these sinners to Jesus than a Pharisee would? Why?
- 9) What are some groups that you have an inside track to? Who might you be able to introduce to Jesus? Are there people from your past? People from work? People who share the same area of expertise or influence?
- 10) **Read Mark 2:16-17**
- 11) Jesus has come to extend grace to all men. Matthew had more influence amongst the "sick" than the Pharisees ever would. Never allow your past to keep you from being a witness to God. What are your thoughts on this?
- 12) How can you leverage your influence for the sake of the gospel?