

## Ministering like Jesus

Mark 2:13-17

### Taking it Home:

1. Make a prayer list of those of those who are lost in your sphere of influence. Keep this in your Bible and pray for them daily.
2. Ask the Lord to show you how he might have you begin to “Make Room at the Table” for those who don’t know him. What practical steps can you take to live this out?

### Prayer Concerns:

### The Meaning of the Table

The table represents \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### The People at the Table

**Present (tax collectors):** The \_\_\_\_\_ who are  
\_\_\_\_\_ and in need of a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Absent (pharisees):** The \_\_\_\_\_ who overlook  
\_\_\_\_\_ and trust in themselves for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Making Room at the Table

1. Genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. View ourselves as \_\_\_\_\_ in need of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Build \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. View others for who they can \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to give \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

### Are you at the Table?

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. What group of kids did you sit with at your middle school lunchroom table?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read Mark 2:13-17**

1. What was significant about Jesus' call to Levi (Matthew) to "follow me"? How do you think the other disciples might have responded to this decision?
2. Why were the Pharisees so upset about the dinner party Jesus attended? Why would they never attend a party like that? Have you ever been offended when you saw a fellow Christian reaching out to a certain class of people?
3. Read Luke 18:12-13. What is the dangerous heart attitude found in this passage? Have you ever seen this within yourself? What attitude does Jesus commend? How can we maintain this attitude of heart?

4. One commentator wrote, "The church develops an entire subculture of its own and is increasingly insulated from the world. To that extent its witness and missionary effectiveness are diminished." Does this statement fit FCCO? How is it true, how is it not true? How can we protect against it?
5. What kinds of "sinners" are you reluctant to befriend? What kind of weakness or fear keeps you from showing the love of Jesus to them? Review the 5 ways of "Making Room at the Table" from your study notes. In which of these do you need to grow to effectively minister to lost people?
6. Take some time as a group to pray for those who do not know Jesus, asking the Lord to change their hearts and to use you to guide them to Jesus.