

*Stop Avoiding Sick People*

( Mark 2:13-17 )

1. Calvary's Mission (what we do...)

To make disciples;

Worship connect reach

Stop avoiding sick people (Mark 2:13-17)

2. Jesus had compassion for people;

Matt 9:36, Mk 6:34

- "When He saw the crowds he had compassion on them..."

Matt 14:14

- "When He landed and saw the large crowd he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

Matt 20:34

- "Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him."

3. Colossians 3:7

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

4. Mark 2:13-17 Follow Christ's example

A) Jesus saw individuals (13,14)

- In the midst of his coming and going
- In spite of being the buzz of a large crowd.
- In their setting going about their regular activities.
- In spite of their position or reputation.

B) Jesus spoke to individuals

- Moved to address Levi's spirited condition.

"Some made a career out of itemizing the world's ill"

- We need to move from speaking about people to speaking with people
- "Follow me" – a call to discipleship

C) Jesus sat with individuals

- He hung out with Levi in his space with his acquaintances.
- Why?
- Discipleship happens best in the context of relationship

D) Jesus knew he was sent.

- Clearly on his mission.

Luke 19:10 – “he came to seek and save the lost”

John 3:17 – “God did not send Him into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him”

- He invited us to “follow Him” and join Him on his mission.

Mark 1:17 – “come follow me and I will send you out to fish for people”

John 17:18 – “As you have sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world”

2 Cor 5:17-21 – we have been saved, to be sent to reach the sick! Therefore we need to stop avoiding sick people.