

LifeGroup Meeting

The Grace Given Legacy 1

"Scandalous Grace"

Get To Know You Question:

Matthew left everything immediately. What's something in your life that would take at least three weeks, a spreadsheet, and a farewell party before you could leave it?

Let's Dig Deeper

Someone read **Mark 2:13-17**. Spend some time and share some key words that spoke out to you while reading. What is it about those words that spoke to you?

1. Read **Mark 2:13-14**. Why do you think Jesus chose Levi publicly instead of privately? What message did that send to the crowd watching?
2. Levi left everything immediately. What does that reveal about the internal effect of grace when it is truly received?
3. In that culture, eating symbolized acceptance. Why do you think Jesus chose a table instead of a temple to demonstrate grace?
4. Read **Mark 2:16**. Why were the Pharisees more disturbed by who Jesus ate with than by their own lack of compassion?
5. What is the difference between identifying sin and being repelled by sinners? How do we know when we've crossed that line?
6. Jesus says, "Those who are well have no need of a physician." What does it practically look like to admit you are spiritually sick?
7. Why is self-righteousness more dangerous than obvious sin?
8. The Pharisees believed they were righteous. How does a person convince themselves they don't need grace?
9. Why do you think grace makes religious people uncomfortable?
10. How would this story be different if Jesus had waited for Levi to clean up his life first?

11. Levi's house became a gathering place for other sinners to meet Jesus. What does that teach us about how transformation spreads?
12. Jesus moved toward people others avoided. What would need to change in you for that to become your instinct rather than your hesitation?
13. If grace is the reason you stand accepted before God, how should that shape the way you stand before people who are far from Him?
14. How does remembering that you were once a "weed" protect you from trying to uproot others instead of loving them?
15. What would it look like this week to bless someone with no agenda other than reflecting the grace you have received?
16. If grace is the defining mark of the Kingdom, how can your ordinary life become a doorway into God's presence for someone else?

Close in Prayer.