

Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.
2. Church Life- Oct 13th All Church Service Project, Oct 31st Trunk or Treat.

Learning

Knowing God

Key Doctrines

- Sovereignty - God is the absolute ruler of all things and thus sovereign in His choice of the elect.
- Sin – No sin is acceptable to God, all sin no matter how “small” is punishable by death. (James 2:10).

Key Observations

- Was there anything that stood out to you about this week’s sermon, what specifically encouraged or challenged you?
- *Read:* Mark 2: 13-14, Matthew 9:9, Luke 5:27-28
What is significant about Jesus calling a tax collector to follow him? What is significant about Levi’s response to Christ’s command to follow him?
- *Read:* Luke 18:9-14
What stands about the tax collector in this parable? What attitude of his should we be striving to emulate?

- *Read:* Mark 2:15, Matthew 9:10, Luke 5:29
What additional information does Luke’s gospel add to the account? What do Levi’s actions show about his commitment to “follow” Jesus?
- Why do you suppose that “sinners” are specifically singled out?
- *Read:* Mark 2:16-17, Luke 5:30-32, Luke 15:1-7
Jesus came for those who are sick. How did the Pharisees misunderstand their own need for a physician? In contrast to their response what is the proper response (Lk 5:32,15:7)?
- *Read:* Matthew 9:12-13, Hosea 6:6
Jesus rebukes the Pharisees and instructs them to “go and learn”, what knowledge were that lacking?
- *Read:* Mark 2:17, Matthew 9:13, Luke 5:31, Rom 3:10-20
Why does Jesus refer to those who are “righteous”?

Listening

Responding to God

In light of this week's sermon in our series, "City on a Hill," how might Jesus be asking to "follow" Him in a new way?

- Are there specific ways that the Lord is asking you live out your faith among "sinners"?
- How might the Lord's desire for "mercy" not "sacrifice" show itself in your life right now?
- Are there specific ways that the Lord is calling you to come to him as the "great physician" for healing?

Loving

Obeying God

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
- This week I am committed to praying for _____ about:

Checking Out

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?