

## STUDY 4. QUESTIONS

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1.
  - a. Who would be the closest friend that you have who is not a Christian?
  - b. What do they think of your faith and your involvement in the church?
  - c. What is their image of the church and of Jesus?
  
2. **See Luke 5:29**  
What does it tell us about Levi and his understanding of Jesus that he invited his friends to meet Jesus?
  
3. **See Mark 2:13-17**  
This is the fourth incident in Mark's Gospel that we have studied. Read back through Mark 1:16-20, 40-45 and 2:1-13. Do you see a common thread? (Look hard.)
  
4.
  - a. How would the world of the fishermen, the leper and the paralytic have been different after their encounter with Christ?
  - b. What would have been the values of Levi before he met Christ?
  - c. How would the world of Levi have been different (never the same) after he obeyed the call to follow Christ?
  - d. Would he still have had any struggles?
  - e. Did you, or are you still having any struggles regarding following Christ?
  - f. Does the 'old world' ever pop up to say hello now and then?
  
5. **See Mark 2:16.** (Another criticism by the Pharisees!)
  - a. What deeply held value would Jesus have been threatening?
  - b. What do you think of the reply of Jesus?
  - c. How should this reply impact on what we do as a church?
  
6.
  - a. How can the Church be "a church that anyone can come to" and also hold true to its values regarding addiction, marriage, respect for property, loving others, etc? Isn't there a danger that a Church's morality could be compromised if too many took that slogan seriously?
  - b. Are there any in the group who started their Christian journey because this or some other church was a church that anyone could come to?
  
7. What does this story and those in Mark 1:23, 1:40ff, 5:1ff, 5:25ff, 7:24ff, 9:14ff have in common?
  
8. **See Mark 2:15.**  
If you were describing Jesus in the stories we have studied so far, how would you present him in the calling of the fisherman, the healing of the leper, the healing of the paralyzed man and in this verse also?
  
9. There were three people in the story, Jesus, the Pharisees and Levi. Can you see why this was a conflict waiting to happen? Which character are you most like?
  
10.
  - a. Are there ways that the story challenges your Christianity?
  - b. Is there a "must do" aspect that comes out of this passage?