

Sermon series: Share a Meal with Me
 Text: Luke 5:27-32
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Eating with Sinners

Two Main Characters

1. _____
2. _____

Treatment of Matthew

PHARISEES	JESUS
_____ him for his sin	_____ him despite his sin
Saw only who he _____	Saw who he could _____
Actions led by _____	Actions led by _____

Shedding the Pharisee, Putting on Jesus

- Reject _____ | Remember Your _____ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- Reject _____ | Remember Your _____ (Mark 16:15)



Who are the people the Christian church has treated like tax collectors, separating from them instead of engaging them with the love of Christ?

Do you know any stories of people who have been radically changed by the love of Christ? Share them with your Care Group.

*What are your thoughts on this quote? Do you agree or disagree? How might you apply this to your life?
"A pharisee is hard on others and easy on himself, but a spiritual man is easy on others and hard on himself."
~ A. W. Tozer*

As James defines for us in James 1:27, a true religion is abstaining from worldliness and showing mercy to others. It seems 21st century American Christianity struggles to maintain this balance. Some are great at showing mercy but too much like the world. Others, like the Pharisees, are excellent at keeping themselves unstained by the world but fail to give mercy to others. When you are off-balanced, to which direction do you lean? Is this because your background has instilled this in you or pushed you away into this line of thinking?

Who are some people in your life who have set an example for you on how to treat others with mercy while still maintaining the balance of true religion?

In what ways do you struggle with elitism or separatism? What changes can you make to help you through these struggles?

Who are some specific people in your life that you have treated like tax collectors, maybe for who they are or what they have done to you? Write their names somewhere (perhaps below) as a reminder to pray for them and pray that you can love them as Christ loves them.

Who has God put into your life who would be most impacted by you offering to share a meal with them (literally or figuratively)?