

## **The Tax Collector**

**Main Scripture:** Mark 2:1-17  
**Additional Scriptures:** 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:5

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### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- The main question this week boiled down to this: do you simply admire Jesus or are you following Jesus? Frame this question in a way that would be directly applicable to your life and the lives of those in your small group.
- **Read Mark 2:2.** Jesus had a way of making people feel like they belong before they believe. He had a house full of sinners that no one else wanted. Can you say that you have a way about you that makes people feel like they can belong before they believe?
  - How do you steward your life and your home so that they are open to “sinners”? If not, what are some ways to do this?
- Part of our vision is that people can belong before they believe and believe before they behave. Where do you feel you are at in this continuum?
  - If you are at the point where you are believing and behaving, how are you reproducing this in others? How are you making disciples?
- Pastor Mike said, “If your Christian life is predictable, you need to start following Jesus!” Do you agree? Why or why not?
  - How do you break out of predictable Christianity?
  - How could you do that *this week*?
- **Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:5.** Sinners do the wrong stuff. Pharisees do the right stuff for the wrong reasons. Disciples do the right things for the right reasons. Jesus isn't look for behavior modification, He is looking for life transformation. Take some time to think and pray and then answer the following:
  - What parts of your walk is simply behavior modification?
  - What is really life transformation?
- **Go to [www.be1make1.info](http://www.be1make1.info).** Of the 8 things that a disciple does, what are your 3 strongest areas? What 3 need the most work?

### **Doing: Application**

- Hold each other accountable to really follow Jesus and not just admire Him. Write down what everyone in small group said was their strongest and weakest aspects of the 8 things disciples do and hold them accountable to grow in each of these areas!