

## QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. What are some ways that we communicate or give the impression that Christianity is only for good people?
2. What was so bad about being a tax collector in the time of Christ? What kind of people or professions today fit into that category? What should be our attitude toward them?
3. How was Matthew (Levi) transformed by the call of Christ? How did Matthew and Jesus minister to the community of sinners who dined at Matthew's house?
4. Why were the scribes and Pharisees so upset? How can we avoid falling into the same trap of self-righteous pride?
5. What is required for someone to experience God's grace, forgiveness, and spiritual transformation?
6. How can God use you to build friendships with unbelievers? How can God use you to show what authentic Christianity looks like?

*"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."*  
John 15:16

*"But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith."*  
Philippians 3:7-9

## "THE TRUTH ABOUT GRACE"

**MARK 2:13-17**

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Main point: God's grace and forgiveness do not come to the self-righteous, but to sinners and outcasts who respond in faith to Christ's call.