

## The Great Physician

Mark 2:13-17

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Jesus, the Great Physician calls sinners like Levi and us.

- [14] And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.
- “Irresistible grace does not mean that God’s grace is incapable of being resisted. Indeed, we are capable of resisting God’s grace, and we do resist it. The idea is that God’s grace is so powerful that it has the capacity to overcome our natural resistance to it.” R. C. Sproul

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- Levi leaves everything behind to follow Jesus.
- **Luke 5:27-28** [27] After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” [28] And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. (ESV)

## Discussion Questions

1. Share a highlight from the summer.
2. Have people pair up and share their faith journey and how they came to Christ.  
Ask a few to share with the whole group.
3. Take a few moments and read through Mark 2:13-17.
4. Why did it bother the Pharisees so much that Jesus ate with sinners and tax collectors?
5. How do you think Levi felt when Jesus called him and ate with him?
6. How do you identify with Levi?
7. What is something you can do to guard yourself from becoming like a Pharisee?
8. Pair up and share a prayer request and close in prayer.