**Choose Your Friends Wisely**

**Main idea:**

We have been sent by God to engage the world around us with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 2:13-17 (NIV)

13Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 14As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

15While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.16When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

17On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Other Scripture to consider.

John 20:21 (NIV)

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me,

I am sending you.”

Matthew 11:19 (NIV)

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved

right by her deeds.”

John 1:14 (The Message)

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.

**You Matter!**

**How can we pray for you?**

**Is there something you would like to**

**ask or tell our leadership?**

**NEXT STEPS**

**Which next step would you like**

**to take today?**

\_\_\_ I’d like to become a Christian.

\_\_\_ I'd like to know more about MCC.

\_\_\_ I’d like to be Baptized.

\_\_\_ I'd like to know how I can serve.

\_\_\_ I’d like to join a Small Group.

\_\_\_ I'd like to start making a regular financial

contribution.

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Take away #1:**

We are sent to demonstrate the gospel through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Take away #2:**

We are sent to demonstrate the gospel through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Take away #3:**

We are sent to announce the gospel through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Growing deeper: Ask yourself the question, “To whom is God sending you to announce and demonstrate the gospel as a friend?”

* John 1
* Matthew 11

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