

SERMON SERIES: MARKED
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Key Line

“Marked by Mercy.”

Introduction

We are continuing our series *Marked* this week. As we continue to talk about how our lives are marked by Jesus, this week we will be focusing on the mercy that Jesus shows us. Last week we talked about how we can be confident because of how Jesus has marked us. This week, we are talking about how we can be marked by the mercy Jesus shows us.

- What are some ways you like to show people you care about them? (Encouraging notes, phone calls, spending time with them, etc.)
- What way do you like people to show you that they care about you?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 2:13-28.

- Why was it significant that Jesus was eating with the tax collectors?
- What does verse 17 tell us about who Jesus is?
- What do verses 21 and 22 tell us about what God wants to do with those who follow Him?

Read Mark 3:1-6.

- Why was Jesus angry and distressed in verse 5?
- What can we learn about the purpose of Sabbath from this passage?

Go Deeper

This week our Scripture passages talked about tax collectors (Mk. 2) and Sabbath (Mk. 3). Choose one of these two things and do a short study on it. Look up the significance, rules (if any), and how it affects the people in the New Testament. A Bible concordance, dictionary, or the Blue Letter Bible app may be helpful. This short study will help you understand the context of our passages better.

Talk About It

- Tax collectors were people that no one wanted to hang out with. Is there someone in your life you've been avoiding?
- What sort of things make it challenging to follow Jesus with other people?
- What does it look like for you show more mercy this week?
- Who in your life can you encourage this week by sharing the mercy of Jesus?

Wrap Up

Reminder: How deeply are we willing to let our lives be marked by Jesus?

Challenge: Create a list of 3 people that you are in close proximity to each week. Next, think of one way you can outwardly express the love of Jesus to them. This can be by writing an encouraging note to each of them, giving them a ride somewhere if they need it, bringing an extra lunch for them if they need it, etc. Choose one way to care for them this week so that they can experience the love of Jesus.