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- *Read Mark 2:13-17.* What do you know about both tax collectors and Pharisees? What was each group like? How did other people view each of them?
- What might have motivated Levi to follow Jesus? What does he lose or leave behind? What might he gain?
- Given who attended, what do you imagine the atmosphere was like at the dinner (2:15)? How did people get included? How is grace present in the room?
- Why do the Pharisees ask the disciples their question? What is their concern? What does Jesus' response reveal about who he is, what he came to do, and how he will do it?
- If Jesus went to a dinner party today, who would you expect to find sitting at the table with him? Who might be on the outside looking in?
- In what ways do you identify with Levi, the Pharisees, and/or the disciples in this story?
- What is Jesus modeling and teaching his disciples in the story? How do we, as Jesus' disciples today, need to apply this lesson this too? How will you do this? How can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

For Family Discussion: Ask: *What is your favorite restaurant? Who would you like to take to eat there with you?* Read Mark 2:13-17. Briefly describe tax collectors and Pharisees. Ask: *What do you think it was like to have dinner with Jesus? Why do the Pharisees think Jesus is wrong to eat with Levi? What does Jesus say he came to do? How does he still do that?*

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