**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr March 28, 2021**

**Jesus Still Wants You**

Marks 2:13-17

**Key Truth:** Jesus meets us where we are and calls us to salvation and discipleship.

**Jesus Goes Against The Religious Establishment:**

1. Jesus calls people that the religious society frowns upon.

2. Jesus hung out with the wild crowd because they were sick

 and knew it.

 A. Jesus is the spiritual doctor who brings spiritual healing to

 the sick.

3. Jesus avoided the religious crowd because they were sick and

 refused to admit it.

**Things To Remember If We Hope To Lead People To Follow Jesus:**

1. We are not the doctor we are just the satisfied patient.

2. We have a responsibility to help other sick patients get to the

 spiritual doctor.

3. You cannot reach those you don’t love.

**Real Friends, Don’t Let Friends Die Without Jesus:**

(Three Practical Things We Can Do) **Mark 2:1-5, 2:15**

1. Invite them to experience Jesus as they see His presence in

 your life.

2. Invite them to experience authentic Christian community.

3. Be a conduit of God’s grace, love, and forgiveness.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Believe that Jesus loves you, just the way you are. Don’t let your failures be final. Answer the call to follow Jesus. Be intentional about sharing the gospel with others.

**Food For Thought**

When you think of what it takes to reach the world for Jesus, what would you say is your part in making that happen? Which part of that role makes you nervous, confused or fearful?

Read Luke 19:1–10: What can we learn from Jesus’ actions and attitudes toward Zacchaeus?

Telling Your Story/Giving a Reason:

1 Peter 3:15-16 tells us that we are to be ready to give a reason to everyone who asks why we’re following Jesus. Some might think you need to give an in-depth theological answer. Instead, a simple way to respond to this question is to tell them your story about how Jesus has changed your life. Take a couple minutes to answer three questions.

1. What was your life like before you were a follower of

 Jesus?

2. When and/or how did you realize your need for

 forgiveness and what Jesus did for you?

3. How has your life changed now that you’re a Jesus

 follower?

Who is one person in your life in need of God’s mercy? How can you further your relationship with him or her this week?