

Right Away Jesus

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF MARK

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Read Mark 2:13-17, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Have you ever had a label or identity you wished you could shed? If you could change one way that people tend to see you, what would it be?

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to take the time to reflect on who they had been before Jesus called them. What do you think is the value in that?

The Pharisees could not fathom why Jesus would hang around with "tax collectors and sinners." If he were physically present today, who do you think would be the equivalent crowd? How do you think Christians would react? Are we more like the Pharisees than we want to admit?

Do you find it easier to relate to Levi's "box of shame" or the Pharisees' "box of self-righteousness"?

What does Paul seem to indicate is God's reasoning for such counter-intuitive choices of followers? How does that change things for us, or does it?