SERMON NOTES
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Facing Out

Mark 2:13-17

Openness to outsiders
Jesus called Levi
A healing call
"Faith comes through hearing" (Romans 10:17)
"No respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34)

"Membership has its privileges."
Jesus' brilliant answer (v. 17)

Colossians 4:5-6 "[5]Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. [6] Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."

- Missionary Purpose

  pros – "toward facing"
  tous – "the ones"
  exo – "outside" (exit)

- Missionary Wisdom

  Use opportunities!

  Speak graciously!

  Love individuals!

Matthew (Levi) includes the Magi in His story

Mark 2:13-17

[13] And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.
[14] As He passed by, He saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He *said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.
[15] And it *happened that He was reclining *at the table* in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him. [16] When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?" [17] And hearing *this*, Jesus *said to them, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."