

Sermon Discussion Questions: January 18, 2026

The Vision of Grace

Sermon Series: Learning the Way of Jesus

Passage: Mark 2:13-17

1. Jesus as Physician

Jesus says, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

Where do you most naturally see yourself in this passage: as someone who knows they’re sick, or someone tempted to think they’re well? How does that self-understanding shape the way you relate to Jesus?

2. Following vs. Fixing

Levi is called with no qualifications and no trial period—just “Follow me.”

What is the difference between following Jesus and trying to fix yourself for Jesus?

Where do you see the temptation toward self-fixing in your own faith?

3. Moralism Then and Now

The Pharisees’ problem wasn’t that they did good things, but that they trusted those things for their standing before God.

What does modern-day moralism look like in church or everyday life?

How can moralism subtly show up even when we say we believe in grace?

4. Grace That Offends

Both the Pharisees and the armed robber in the story highlight how offensive grace can be.

Why does grace often feel unsettling or unfair to us?

Who is it hardest for you to imagine Jesus welcoming with the same joy he shows Levi?

5. Living as People Who Need Him

The sermon suggests that practices like confession exist because Christians cannot stand on their morality—we need Jesus himself.

What are some practices, habits, or choices that might look “weird” or unnecessary to a moralist but make sense if we truly need Jesus?

How might embracing that need reshape the way you live this week?