

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement VII · Weaponized Difference

A Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

MATTHEW 11:16 But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like little children sitting in the markets, and calling to their companions,

¹⁷ and saying, We piped to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not wail.

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon.

¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a wine drinker, and a friend of tax collectors, and of sinners. And wisdom was justified of her children.

READ ALONG: Matthew 11:16–19; Luke 15:1–7

Follow along

1. What did people say about John, and what did they say about Jesus?

2. Who was coming near to Jesus in Luke 15:1, and why?

3. Why was eating with someone such a serious matter in that culture?

4. Why did Jesus answer the complaint with a story about a lost sheep?

5. Whose company would people use to judge you?

6. When have you judged someone by who they were seen with?

7. If we keep away from certain people so our reputation stays clean, whose example are we following?

Leave them with

THE ONE QUESTION

Whose company would cost you your reputation — and is that why you avoid it?

- 1. Who would be glad if you sat with them this week?
- 2. Which of your friendships would embarrass you in front of your assembly, and why?

The empty chair. Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

Notes
