

This weekend I had a chance to “be the church” to a teenager that was visiting my home, but instead I missed the opportunity because I didn’t like her obnoxious personality and rambunctious nature. During the message Dan described Jesus having dinner with Levi, the tax collector, and the response from the disciples and Pharisees. I left the service convicted about my attitude toward this teen. I had heard her tell bits and pieces about her life, but I really didn’t take time to listen to her story. I did little more than feed her and send her home.

I guess I want to “be the church” when it’s convenient and easy. I want to point people to Jesus, IF they’ll get their life together. I want to bless others when my kids are obedient, my bills are paid, and my feet don’t hurt. Thankfully, Jesus never treats me like that, so I don’t know why I would expect so much more from others.

Perhaps it’s not too late – I can invite her over again. But we don’t always get second chances. As God puts people in our lives, let’s not forget that our responsibility is to talk about the hope of Jesus with them. Let’s tell how God loved us, even when we were unlovable. Let’s share how He is still working in our lives. Let’s not wait like I did. Following Jesus’ example might make us uncomfortable, but I believe it’s worth it.

### Questions to Consider:

The Greatest Commandment is “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37, 39) Who has God put in my life as my neighbor? How do I love them?

Do I expect more from people than what Jesus expects from me? Did God wait for me to get my act together before he called me into a relationship with Himself?

Dan shared that the church has life; therefore the church is not a building. What kind of life do I give to others?

Jesus knew His purpose with His Father. What is my purpose?

Dan challenged believers: “What are you doing about people’s needs? Does my heart break for them?”

Jesus gave Levi the new name of Matthew, which means “a gift from God.” After being an unclean tax collector, I believe he found hope in his new name. What do I need to hear God call me . . . forgiven, holy, righteous, friend?

***This month’s memory verse:*** *On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mar 2:17 TNIV)*

***Additional Verses:*** Mark 2:13-17

**Reminders:** Check out the website for upcoming events. [www.1mosaic.org](http://www.1mosaic.org)

***Radical Reminder:***

I will pray for the entire world.

I will read through the entire Word.

I will sacrifice my money for a specific purpose.

I will spend time in another context.

I will commit my life to a multiplying community.