



A Party for Jesus

SERMON NOTES

Mark 2:13-17 • Pastor Dan Nold

## ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. Mark 2:13-14 (NLT)

I CAN'T FOLLOW JESUS IF I DON'T leave something behind.

It's worth the cost.

## EVANGELISM: A PARTY FOR JESUS

Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" Mark 2:15-16 (NLT)

Connect • BE A FRIEND.

Serve • GOOD DEEDS LEAD TO GOOD NEWS.

Invite • TAKE A STEP.

## OUR MISSION: LEAVE A GOSPEL MARK

When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." Mark 2:17 (NLT)

JESUS GOES TO PEOPLE living in the margins.

WHEN THE GOOD NEWS goes viral...

MY NEXT STEP IS...

"But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love." —Paul (Acts 20:24)

# upcoming events

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Sun	2/28	12:30pm	College Student Monthly Luncheon
		1:30pm	<b>Life Groups Connections Event</b>
		2-4pm	<b>XStream Parents' Meeting</b>
Wed	3/3	9:30am	MOPS
	3/6-20	---	Dominican Republic Mission Trip
	3/6-14	---	<b>Spring Break (Worship Schedule Changes)</b>
Fri-Sun	3/12-14	---	<b>NYC Spring Break Service Trip</b>
Mon	3/15	3pm	AFM Order Deadline
Thurs	4/1	6:15am	Men's Ministry - 12wk Series Begins
Sat/Sun	4/17-18	---	CityServe Weekend

## A Closer Look

**2/28 - Life Groups Connections Event.** Even if you haven't registered, you can still join us! Get plugged in at Calvary and join a Life Group! Come this Sunday, 1:30-3pm at Calvary 1250. Childcare provided. Q's?: [www.calvarysc.org/ConnectionsEvent](http://www.calvarysc.org/ConnectionsEvent) or [chad@calvarysc.org](mailto:chad@calvarysc.org) (ext. 34).

**3/12-14 - Spring Break NYC Service Trip:** Join us for a three-day trip to NYC partnering with the New York School of Urban Ministry ([www.nysum.org](http://www.nysum.org)) to serve the needs of the homeless and others. Fri., 3/12 depart State College 8am, return Sun., 3/14, evening. Meals and lodging provided. Cost \$185. Ages 13+ are welcome! Contact [erica@calvarysc.org](mailto:erica@calvarysc.org) - Deadline 3/1!

### 3/6-7: Worship Schedule Spring Break

No Table

Traditions & Classic combined at 9:15am (Family Worship)

No 9am Midtown

10am Gray's Woods Super Simple Set-Up (Family Worship)

11am Midtown

6:30pm Encore

### 3/13-14: Worship Schedule Spring Break

Normal schedule (Exception: No 9am Midtown)

*New to Calvary?* Welcome! Please pick up a Guest Guide in the lobby.

# THE WEEKLY

2.27-28.10

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**Midtown Gathering Pastor Stacy Sublett shares evidence of God's continued love and providence in their adoption story....** "A few weeks ago my wife (Kim) and I went to China to pick up our adopted daughter. Annabelle is nine years old, and while we believed that we had prepared ourselves well, we weren't sure how we all would adjust to life together. She doesn't speak English; we don't speak Mandarin or Cantonese. In the best of adoption scenarios, there are so many adjustments, so many stressors, so many ways that things can be difficult. But dropping a nine year-old into an "instant family" with a language barrier? We're optimistic and prayerful people, but we had no idea how well – or badly - things would go.

While we were in China, I got an email from a Calvary Midtown attender named Evangeline. She's a PSU student who speaks Annabelle's language, and she wanted to know if she could help us when we got home. I immediately responded with an "Oh my, yes!" email. It turns out that Evangeline has friends who wanted to join 'Team Annabelle,' and they've been a huge part of our story already.

I don't know what Annabelle thought of our first Sunday back at Midtown. Our family was on stage during the worship gathering, and she didn't seem to be flustered by any of the attention. When the gathering ended, Evangeline, Joyce, Jarlene, and a few other Chinese students met us. It took a few minutes for Annabelle to warm up to them, but they're building a relationship with her that is helping her adjust to this new life that she's found herself in.

Each one of her new Big Sisters has an interesting story as to how they have time to spend with Annabelle. And each one has a love for Jesus that shapes how they live and see the world. We are blown away and blessed beyond our imagination to see how God has surrounded us with people to love Annabelle. To listen to them talk with her about Jesus, church, and faith—even though we don't understand the words!—is amazing. To have them invest in our family is a gift that we didn't expect. Once again, we find ourselves humbled, blessed, inspired, and reminded of the goodness of our God."



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