

Small Group Notes.21.5.17

Reading: *Mark 2:13-17*

Welcome:

Sermon Outline.

- The difference between a menu and a meal? It is about expectation and reality.
- In the reading Jesus didn't conform to the expectations of the Jewish law and customs. He did things that were not expected by the Pharisees. They questioned his actions.
- Jesus challenged their expectations of how he should behave, who he should mix with, what he should do.
- Jesus reminded them that "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners"
- Jesus challenges us all by this, do we always behave as people expect?
- As Christians others may have certain expectations of us and the ways we might behave.
- It isn't always easy to live up to those expectations. We often fail to do what is expected of us, sometimes we realise this and at other times we may not.
- We are called to reflect Jesus to others in the way that we behave. That is the reality for us.
- This may mean that we don't always behave in the way that others expect, we may do or say things that are unexpected. We may behave differently to others and this may cause them to call into question the reasons for our behaviour.

Questions of Application

1. Do you have certain expectations of others, for example doctors, teachers, policeman etc.?
2. How do you feel when these people do not live up to your expectations?
3. What are your expectations of yourself as a Christian on your Frontline?
4. What are your expectations for All Saints Church?