

**BRAND NEW**  
Week 3: New Grace  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



RECAP

In this third sermon walking through the story of Jesus' life and ministry, Josh discussed Jesus' ongoing conflict with the Pharisees in his day and how many churches today can uncomfortably identify with the ancient Pharisees.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Josh started by talking about the unwritten rules of social media, including the prohibition on ALL CAPS posts. What are some unwritten rules about social media that you've encountered? What bugs you the most about what people do sometimes on social media?
2. The Pharisees are usually cast as the ultimate villains in the New Testament, a group of people we have little empathy for. After Josh walked through the origins of the Pharisaical movement, are you able to better identify with why the Pharisees were such champions of the people in Jesus' day?
3. Read Matthew 9:9-13. Josh used some extreme examples to try and help us feel how scandalous it would have been for Jesus to be seen eating with tax collectors and sinners. If you were there that day, do you think you'd be more likely to be inside with the disciples, interacting with notorious sinners, or would you be outside, judging Jesus alongside the religious elite?
4. The crux of Jesus' conflict with the Pharisees is that their over-zealous adherence to the Law and tradition actually drove people away from God and produced only self-righteous, hypocritical know-it-alls. Do we still struggle with that in our churches today? Do we tend to produce Pharisees?

NEXT STEP

- Josh talked through two of the core values at CBC that drive how we live and interact with the world. Discuss these two values and talk through specific ways these values should shape how we do church and interact with the world around us.
  - Hospital for the Hurting - *We value being a place of healing where people find hope, restoration, and freedom in Jesus, so we will embrace the messes and journey with people towards wholeness in Christ.*
  - Mission over Preference - *We value the mission Jesus gave us to make disciples of all nations more than religious tradition or personal preference, so we will do whatever it takes - without violating scripture - to reach people far from God.*

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CENTREVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019  
**WEEK 3: NEW GRACE**  
MATTHEW 9:9-13

**BIG Idea:** Is God wanting to do something \_\_\_\_\_ in you?

\_\_\_\_\_ **for the** \_\_\_\_\_ - *We value being a place of healing where people find hope, restoration, and freedom in Jesus, so we will embrace the messes and journey with people towards wholeness in Christ.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **over** \_\_\_\_\_ - *We value the mission Jesus gave us to make disciples of all nations more than religious tradition or personal preference, so we will do whatever it takes - without violating scripture - to reach people far from God.*

## Bonus Content

**Sunday** (This Handout) - Discussion Questions for this message

**Monday** (Blog) - Why It's a Mistake to Cast the Pharisees as the "Klingons" of the New Testament

**Wednesday** (Blog) - If You Were at the Party at Matthew's House, Would You Be Inside Partying or Outside Judging?

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