

Sermon Notes | July 19, 2026

Mark 2:13-17

Speaker: Pastor Esther Yi

Question: How do we avoid raising the bar _____ than Jesus?

1. By recognizing how _____ our bar is.

2. When we know we are all _____ in need of God.

Main Point: We must recognize we're all _____ in need of God, and are to welcome the _____ just as Jesus welcomed us.

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Getting Started

1. From the sermon or your direct reading of Mark 2:13-17, what surprised encouraged or challenged you?
2. When have you felt like an outsider or the "other"? What made you feel that way?

Digging Deeper

3. We raise the bar higher than Jesus when we turn our preferences, traditions, or expectations into requirements for acceptance and belonging. Identify some of the ways you and people around you "raise the bar" higher than Jesus.
4. Who are the "others" in your life right now? How might Jesus be challenging the way you normally treat them?

Living It Out

5. Who might God be asking you to move toward rather than avoid? Think of a practical, relational step of how you might reach out to them (e.g. a conversation, act of kindness, invitation for coffee, etc.).