

# Jesus, Friend of Sinners

## Small Group Study

**Focus Verses:** Mark 2:14-17, Matthew 11:19, Matthew 11:28-30,  
John 8:1-11, John 15:13

**Opening discussion:** If Jesus was going to be your dinner guest, what one question would you most want to ask Him?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why did Jesus attend social gatherings with tax collectors and sinners? (Mark 2:16)
2. What does it look like for us to become the friend of sinners in the same way Jesus did? Are we supposed to change to fit into society? (Mark 2:15)
3. How does following Jesus change the way we interact with the world? (Mark 2:14)
4. How has having a relationship with Jesus changed your life? (Mark 2:17)
5. What are some ways we can relate to sinners without being pulled into sin? Or how can we protect ourselves from temptations when interacting with sinners? (Matthew 11:19)
6. How does Jesus give us rest for our souls? (Matthew 11:28-29)
7. Life is crazy-busy for most people. What are some ways we can impact the lives of others with simple acts of service? (Matthew 11:28-30)
8. How can we reflect the love of Jesus to the world around us? (John 15:13)
9. If you were caught in sin, and a crowd brought you before Jesus, what do you think Jesus would say to those who brought you before Him? (John 8:1-8)
10. Based on Jesus' grace towards the adulterous woman, how do you think Jesus expects us to act towards people we catch engaging in sin? (John 8:9-11)
11. Where do we find righteousness or how do we become righteous?
12. If Jesus saves, what is our job? What does Jesus desire for us to do?

### **For further growth:**

Use a Bible concordance to look up verses in the New Testament about sinners and enemies. Make notes regarding what Jesus says about sinners and enemies. What changes would you make in how you interact with difficult people in your life?

### **Closing Prayer**