

Intimacy

Part 1 – Bad Company

Intro

Are we “good”?

What does it mean to be or do good?

There’s always someone “worse” that we can at least be better than...

Bad Company

Luke 14:16-24 Jesus replaces the “good” people with “bad” people

Matthew 11:16-19 “Why won’t you play my game?”
(performance)

Jesus is friend of sinners

wisdom is proven by deeds

v. 5 – blind, lame, lepers, deaf, dead, poor

Matthew 9:10-13 eating w/ sinners

sick need a doctor

I desire MERCY

John 9:40-41 Problem isn’t having problems, its not admitting them, even to yourself.

Matthew 9:35-36 Jesus response to bad people – compassion

Application

We think about God wanting good people

-Jesus was interested in bad people

-God prefers sick & broken

-status & sense of superiority keep you from receiving mercy & grace

We tend to focus on doing well, being good, cleaning up our act.

Brokenness, darkness, sin makes the NEWS of God’s favor GOOD

Matthew 9:13 He desires mercy rather than sacrifice.