

Sermon notes for Growth Groups



Title: Jesus a Drunkard & Glutton

30 April, 2023

Intro questions:

What expectations of behaviour do we have of Christians? Pastors?
What expectations of behaviour do we have of Jesus?
Does Jesus ever challenge our expectations of appropriate Christian behaviour?

Key passages:

Matthew 11:1-24

Luke 5:27-32

Deuteronomy

13:1-5, 18:10-12,
21:3

Main points to consider:

- The Gospels reveal how Jesus' identity was always being questioned
- Jesus challenges expectations by his actions and parables
- Jesus brought the kingdom of God to those in need, eating & drinking to the point that he gained a reputation for being a drunkard & glutton

Discussion questions:

Biblical hospitality is the practice of welcoming strangers to provide care that moves them toward friendship.

- How does Jesus eating and drinking with sinners display provide care that moves them toward friendship with God?
- Why do you think the religious leaders were so bothered by the actions of Jesus?
- Do our eating and drinking habits with non-believers affect how they experience hospitality that moves them toward Jesus?