



Voices in My Head
“You have to be good to be loved.”
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1. Jesus rejects “**good**” people who,
 - Believe “**image** is **everything**”
 - Have a **form** of spirituality, but no **reality**”
 - Are **religious**, only to be seen by **others**”
 - Treat others with **contempt**”

2. Jesus accepts “**bad**” people who,
 - Know they are **sinners** and for that are **broken**”
 - Understand that sin **separates** us from **God**”
 - **Come** as they are, casting themselves upon His **mercy**”
 - Live life under a new **rule**”

For your Lifegroup:

1. When and where do you spend time with “tax-gatherers and sinners”?
2. Can you think of any other biblical examples of God demonstrating His love toward those who didn’t “deserve” it?
3. Why are we so inclined to focus on externals, rather than
4. Read Romans 3:10-12,23. What is the primary point of these verses? Why is this a truth rejected by many today?
5. What do the following verses have in common? Luke 5:8; Luke 18:13; 1 Timothy 1:15; Psalm 51:3,4? Now read Psalm 34:18.