

"Why does your master eat with tax collectors and bad people?"

Jesus' answer was "It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick

Go and think about the Bible words  
'What I want is mercy, not sacrifice'

I have a special concern  
for rejects and down-and-outs"

Jesus, please help religious leaders in today's world to care more about people who are rejected by society

## Chapter 9 (14 - 17)

One day John the Baptist's friends asked Jesus "How come we and the religious leaders fast, but your friends don't?"

Jesus replied "Fasting is a good thing, and after I have left this world, my friends will fast

But remember that multiplying external prayers and fasts without a change of heart is useless

Out of date religious structures need a drastic overhaul, not just external plastic surgery"

Jesus, please help me practise a bit of fasting, especially each Friday, the day you died