

# Sermon Development

**Text:**  
**Luke 15:1-2**

**Then drew near into him all the publicans  
and sinners for to hear him. And the  
Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying,  
This man receiveth sinners, and eateth  
with them.**

**Subject:**

**“The Company We Keep”**

**Theme:**  
**Relationships**

## **Proposition:**

**“While we should all be careful about who we associate ourselves with, it’s also important that we don’t shut out those God may position in our lives for their good or ours.”**

**Thesis:**

**“...remain open to people  
God sends into our lives.”**

**Antithesis:**

**“...we should be careful  
who we associate with.”**



**Relevant Question:**

**“What criterion should we use to determine who to hang out with?”**

## **Point One:**

**“A good piece of criterion to determine who we should hang out with is the common good of us all.”**

## **Point Two:**

**“Another piece of criterion that will help us decide who to hang out with is mission and purpose.”**

## **Point Three:**

**“Divine design is another important piece of criterion for determining who we should hang out with.”**

## **Conclusion:**

**“When we have applied the necessary criterion for who we should hang out with, we will have around us people who are positioned in our lives by God.”**