LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: Called Pastor Josh Parsons
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Luke 5:27-32



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"After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, 'Follow me.' 28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. 29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' 31 And Jesus answered them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.'"

Sermon Outline

- I. The trade Levi makes (Luke 5:27-28)
- II. The party Levi throws (Luke 5:29)
- III. The company Levi keeps (Luke 5:30)
- IV. The mission Jesus has (Luke 5:31-32)

Discussion Questions

- 1. What did you learn today from the <u>Scripture passage(s)</u> that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
- 2. Who do you know who is an "unlikely" follower of Jesus?
- 3. What's something that's getting in the way of you following Jesus? What are some "good" things that are taking priority over him? What might it look like to re-prioritize your life so Jesus is your priority?
- 4. How have you known the "cost" of following Jesus? What are some other examples of what it may cost a person to follow Jesus? Why is it important to understand that there *is* a cost to following Jesus?
- 5. In what ways have you discovered Jesus as worth whatever it has costed you to follow him?
- 6. Levi's response to being called by Christ was to throw him a party (<u>Luke 5:29</u>). Would you say that you regularly celebrate what Jesus has done for you? How do you know? Given your personality, what might it look like for you to rejoice, praise, and thank God for all he's done for you?

7. At the party he threw for Jesus, he invited a bunch of his friends (Luke 5:29). If you could only speak in terms of what Jesus has done for you, how would you tell someone who isn't a Christian about Jesus? 8. When is it wise to "avoid" certain people? In what situations or circumstances do we need to be careful about the company we keep? 9. Which do you struggle with more: not being careful enough about the company you keep or being to restrictive in who you befriend? What are the dangers in each? What do you think it looks like to resist both extremes? 10. Where in your life are there unbelievers? How could you make some kind of connection with them in an effort to "expose" them to Jesus? 11. How would you describe the connection between a joy in Jesus and a readiness to introduce others to him? Have you seen that connection at all in your life? If not, why not? What might help you get there? 12. Why didn't Jesus come to call righteous people to repentance (Luke 5:32)? 13. What does it mean that Jesus calls sinners to "repentance" (Luke 5:32)? What is repentance? Why is repentance important?