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Luke 5:27-32

## **WELCOME:**

Fixing
Our Focus

### Suggested Icebreaker:

There are just some things that we can't help but talk about with our friends and family. These things may or may not change over time. However, there is this urge to share them with others. What are some things that you find irresistible to share with others?

# **WORSHIP:**

Adoring Our God

### Suggested song:

The Lord is My Salvation

## **WORD & WALK:**

# Understanding & Applying the Word

### **LESSON AIM**

- 1. GG members will share the gospel message with all kinds of people without any partiality.
- 2. GG members will share the joy of life with Christ with their friends.
- 3. GG members will commit to turn away from their sins and live in obedience to God.

### INTRODUCTION

In the previous lesson, we saw Jesus had the authority to heal a leper, an outcast of society. He also had the authority to forgive sins, which he demonstrated by healing the paralytic. In this lesson, we see Jesus again ministering to society's outcasts, particularly tax collectors and "sinners."

### Jesus called Levi (vv. 27–28)

Jesus saw Levi sitting at the tax booth. During those times, tax collectors were shunned by the Jews. They were viewed as traitors who worked for the Roman Empire, collecting taxes from the Jews. Many tax collectors abused their position by collecting more than what was required for their own gain.

- 1. The Jewish leaders viewed tax collectors as sinners. Why are they viewed this way? Is collecting taxes a sin? (cf. Luke 3:12–13)
- 2. What did Jesus say to Levi when he saw him? How did Levi respond?
- 3. Read Matthew 4:18-22 and John 1:43-49 for other instances of Jesus calling people to follow him. What similarities do you see?

### **Application**

Jesus calls all people to himself. He is impartial. He does not discriminate. If you feel hopeless, find your hope in Jesus Christ. He will not turn away those who come to him (John 6:37). If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ, you should be ready to share the gospel message with all kinds of people. With whom can you share the gospel message?

## **WORD & WALK:**

# Understanding & Applying the Word

# Levi gave a feast for Jesus at home with his friends (vv. 29–32)

Levi was so joyful that Jesus had called him to be his disciple that he gave a feast for Jesus at his home. He invited many of his friends, some of whom were also tax collectors, to join in the celebration. The Pharisees criticized Jesus for mingling with these people but were rebuked by Jesus' response.

- 1. Why do you think Levi made a feast for Jesus at his home? (cf. Acts 13:47–48; 16:30-34; Romans 5:11–12)
- 2. Why do you think Levi invited many of his friends to the feast? Read Mark 5:18-20 and John 4:28-30 for other instances of people sharing about Jesus Christ with others after their encounter with him.
- 3. What criticism did the Pharisees and their scribes have about Jesus?
- 4. What was Jesus' response to them? Why was Jesus not calling the righteous? (cf. Romans 3:10–12)

### **Application**

Those who have experienced Jesus Christ cannot help but share their experience with others. With whom are you sharing your experience of Jesus Christ with? Jesus calls sinners to turn away from their sins and follow him. Are there any sins you need to turn away from?

### PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank you for your grace, for by it, you have made salvation possible for sinners like me. May my joy in Christ compel me to share Jesus Christ with others so that they, too, may experience the joy of your salvation. Holy Spirit, transform and lead me so that I live my life in obedience to God's will that his name may be glorified. All this I pray in Christ's name. Amen. ■



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