

2. Jesus' Mission? Call Sinners to Repentance.

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:32

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Luke 19:10

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;" Ephesians 4:22-24

Hate Sin and run from it.

Follow Jesus and Pursue Righteousness.

3. Let's Give Ourselves to the Mission.

"Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them." Luke 5:29

**"Jesus' vision/mission is so big we are called to
Give our Entire Lives to it."** Scott McKnight

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

Luke 5:27-32

A. See Jesus At Work.

1. Meet Levi, The Tax Collector (Matthew).

"After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth." Luke 5:27a

2. These guys were seen as Traitors and Thieves.

"Tax collectors also came to be baptized. 'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?' 'Don't collect any more than you are required to,' he told them."

Luke 3:12-13

3. Jesus Calls, Levi Follows.

"'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him." Luke 5:27b-28

"Then he said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.'" Luke 9:23-26

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B. See The Response of the People.

1. Levi threw a party for Jesus and lots of "Undesirables" and "Sinners" came.

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2. Hear the response of the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law.

"But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and "sinners"?"' Luke 5:30

C. Understand the Mission of Jesus.

1. If you don't think you're Sick, you probably won't Call a Doctor.

"Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.'" Luke 5:31

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Faith@Home

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

Day one

Read Luke 5:27-32

1. What do you know about tax collectors in Jesus' time?
2. Does it surprise you that Jesus called a tax collector to be one his disciples? What is the significance of this in your opinion?
3. How is Jesus calling you to follow him?

Day two

Read Luke 5:27-32

1. What do you think it meant for Levi to leave everything and follow Jesus?
2. What would it look for you to "leave everything and follow Jesus?" Are you willing to do that?

Day Three

Read Luke 5:27-32

1. Levi threw a party for Jesus. Why do you think he did that? Who did he invite?
2. Why do you think the Jewish leaders reacted the way they did?

Day Three-continued

3. Put verses 31 and 32 in your own words. How do you apply these verses to your life?

Day Four

Read Luke 9:23-26

1. What is this "saving your life" and "losing your life" stuff all about? What do you think Jesus is saying to us here?
2. Do you know anyone who is forfeiting his/her life to "gain the world?" Do you ever live this way? What do you need to change?
3. What does it mean to "deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Jesus?"

Day Five

Read Luke 19:1-10

1. Summarize the main points of this passage. What is God saying to you through these verses?
2. What is Jesus' mission according to verse 10?
3. How or in what way are you involved in Jesus' mission?