

Resources

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Luke 5:27-32

[27] 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. Meeting Saint Matthew (27-28)
- II. Matthew's Party (29)
- III. The Response of the Scribes and Pharisees to the Party (30)
- IV. Jesus' Response to the Pharisees (31-32)

Life Group Leader Notes:





•ICEBREAKER: Imagine that you could invite the perfect life group member into your group. What kind of qualities would you look for?

•Pastor Scott said that Jesus will only have the broken in his kingdom. If you tried to come to Christ in any other way, you missed it. Why won't Christ welcome the self-sufficient into his kingdom? Think of some of the self-sufficient characters who interacted with Jesus. What was their attitude toward Jesus?

•If self-sufficiency is an obstacle to receiving Christ, we should be on guard against self-sufficient attitudes. What are some habits/attitudes that we should watch out for?

•Is brokenness only required the first time we come to Jesus? Or is this a characteristic of fully devoted followers of Jesus? Why or why not?

•When was the last time you were in a room full of sinners? What might be preventing this from happening?

•If you suddenly found yourself in a room full of sinners, would you feel comfortable? Would they feel comfortable in your presence? What is your attitude toward broken, needy people?

•Jesus was not a drunk, glutton, or sinner, but he was the life of the party at Matthew's house. How is this so?

•The Pharisees *grumbled* at the work of Christ. Do you ever *grumble* at the things that God is doing in your life or in other people's lives?

•In the parallel passage of Matthew's call, Jesus told the Pharisees to, "Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice." (Matthew 9:13). Take a minute to go and learn what that means. Read Hosea 6:6 for reference.

•Last week we discussed several ways that our group can reach out to nonbelievers. Take a few minutes to follow up on that discussion. How did it go? What's the next step we can take this week to meet and engage nonbelievers with the gospel?

