

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What stood out to you about the sermon?
2. Growing up, who were you told not to associate with? Why?

Read Luke 5:27-32

3. Why do you think Levi was so quick to follow Jesus?
4. Why do you think he threw a party for Jesus?
5. Why is it so difficult for religious people to accept that Jesus “eats with sinners?” Why do we resist eating with sinners ourselves?
6. How do you respond when you think about the fact that even while you were a sinner, Jesus was willing to associate with you?
7. Who are the “tax collectors” in your life, that you can associate with for the sake of the Gospel?

### Coming Up:

**Jan 24-30:** Luke 6:17-26

**Jan 31-Feb 6:** Luke 6:37-45

**Feb 7-13:** Luke 8:1-15

**Feb 14-20:** Luke 8:40-56

**Feb 21-27:** Luke 9:18-26



# THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE

## Eats with Sinners

Luke in review:

- Jesus’ trials in the wilderness (4:1-13)
- Jesus’ ministry is characterized by spiritual and physical “release” from captivity (4:14-30)

Jesus doesn’t call us just to \_\_\_\_\_ in him, but to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

### Luke 5:27-32

Tax Collectors:

1. Jews viewed Romans as foreign \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Romans collected taxes by contracting with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The tax collector took advantage of the system to get \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They (rightfully) had a bad \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke considered tax collectors among the poor and marginalized.

They were different because:

1. They had \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They were ostracized because they were \_\_\_\_\_.

Righteous people should not, under any circumstances, \_\_\_\_\_ with "sinners."

### Levi's Response:

He "left everything." (This is code for \_\_\_\_\_.)

He threw a party for \_\_\_\_\_ and invited all his shady friends.

### The Pharisees

Goal was to help people follow the \_\_\_\_\_.

Were \_\_\_\_\_ about the Torah...

...and updated it with their oral \_\_\_\_\_.

Traditions aren't necessarily anti-\_\_\_\_\_.

...but we can easily make them \_\_\_\_\_ markers.

They were \_\_\_\_\_ about their traditions.

### Two foundational differences between Jesus and the Pharisees:

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ and interpretations become more important than the Torah itself.
2. Their traditions focused on religious \_\_\_\_\_ and not on the ethical requirement to "\_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as yourself."

God's love for the tax collectors moved Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them.

The Pharisees saw them as an \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus' purity and his reputation.

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

--Luke 5:31-32

Maintaining separation requires convenient \_\_\_\_\_.

We must put "us" in a different \_\_\_\_\_ than "them."

Who is spiritually healthy? The one who \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

### Application:

1. Come to grips with your own \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Remember that while you were a \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus was willing to associate with you.