

**LIFEgroup Discussion Questions**

**March 11, 2017**

**Treasuring Jesus: Jesus Loves Sinners**

**Text: Luke 5.27-39**

**Looking into the Text:**

1. How is Jesus a missionary? In what way do we see Him as a missionary in this text (5.27)? What do we know about tax collectors in Jesus' day?
2. What did Jesus' invitation to Levi (Matthew) to follow Him fully mean (5.27)? What was Levi's response and what did his response fully mean (5.28)?
3. What and who was the party that Levi throws for (5.29)? How do we see Levi model the two characteristics of discipleship in following (being a disciple) and fishing (making disciples)?
4. What did Jesus and the disciples eating with tax collectors and sinners imply and why did it make the Pharisees and scribes confront the disciples (5.30)?
5. Why did Jesus come and who did it come for according to His response to the religious crew (5.31-32)? What do we all need (5.32; 2 Corinthians 5.17)?
6. What is the religious crew continuing to argue for in contrast to Jesus and the disciples eating with the people they were eating with (5.33)? What does Jesus mean by His response in sharing about a bridegroom and a wedding (5.34-35)? Then further with His picture of the old/new garments and old/new wineskins and wine (5.36-39)?

**Looking Deeper:**

1. What is the pattern of discipleship that we modeled by Jesus and Levi?  
*a. Connect with Lostness    b. Share the Gospel    c. Make Disciples*  
*d. Get Into Community. Develop Leaders*  
Is this a pattern in your life?
2. How could you connect with lostness and seek to share the gospel in your spheres of influence? Would you ever consider opening up your house for a party in honor of Jesus and invite lost people?
3. Do you ever struggle with the attitude that the Pharisees and scribes showed?

**PRAY:**

1. Pray for the group that we would connect with lostness like Jesus and Levi did and we would share the gospel with those who are lost in our spheres of influence.
2. Pray that our church body would live a life in the pattern of discipleship that is modeled in this text.

**Do:** Identify those who are lost in your spheres of influence and take the initiative with them to share the gospel. Begin with how the gospel changed your life and then share the gospel with them. If you would like more training on that so you can do that reach out to your LIFEgroup leader, an elder or staff member this week. Consider throwing a party for Jesus whether for the Easter season coming up or some other time.