



Series: Types of Evangelism
Lesson 5: **Invitational Evangelist**

Adapted from Kelli Mahoney's Handout [Types of Evangelism](#)¹

Luke 5:1-32

Darrin Woods, Facilitator

- Identification of Key Verse: Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them (Luke 5:29).²
- Considerations:
 - “The doctrine that Jesus Christ has power to forgive sin has been fully attested, proving that He is God. He appears to be so by what He does in this chapter alone, and human experience through, the centuries witnesses to His deity. Those who charge Him with blasphemy are themselves proven to be blasphemers.”³
 - Jesus’ encounters reveal his authority over nature (with the first disciples), over disease (with the leper and invalid), and over sin (with Matthew and the his guests).⁴
- Conversation about Scriptures
 - Consider the following questions after reading the description of “The Invitational Evangelist” in the [Types of Evangelism](#) Handout and Luke 5:1-32.
 - Luke 5:1-11—Jesus Calls the First Disciples
 - What are characteristics of invitations (graduation, wedding, birthday, etc.)?
 - How do these characteristics of invitations apply to Jesus’ encounter with the crowd and the fishermen/disciples?
 - Luke 5:12-15—Jesus Physically Heals the Leper
 - What are some symptoms of leprosy and how did Jews treat lepers?

Turn Over

¹ <http://christianteens.about.com/od/christianliving/tp/EvangelismStyle.htm>

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Lk 5:29). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

³ Brooks, K. (2009). *Summarized Bible: Complete Summary of the New Testament* (22). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

⁴ Utley, R. J. (2004). *Vol. Volume 3A: The Gospel According to Luke*. Study Guide Commentary Series (Lk 5:1–11). Marshall, TX: Bible Lessons International.

- How is Jesus’ verbal and physical interaction with the leper both unusual and miraculous?

- Luke 5:16-20--Jesus Spiritually Heals the Invalid
 - What lessons do we learn about the links between faith and forgiveness of sin?

- Luke 5:21-26— Jesus Physically Heals the Invalid
 - Why does Jesus address the invalid’s physical healing after his spiritual healing?

 - What are some practical applications for believers regarding the priority of our prayer for those with physical afflictions?

- Luke 5:27-32—Jesus Calls (Levi) Matthew and Eats with Sinners
 - Why did the scribes and Pharisees complain about Matthew’s houseguests?

 - Why do you think Matthew invites Jesus to dinner?

- How do these verses demonstrate Levi (Matthew’s) role as The Invitational Evangelist?

- List three words that you feel best summarize challenges the blind man faced as The Invitational Evangelist.

- Practical Application
 - Role-playing scenarios involving invitational evangelism strategies

 - In your own words, briefly describe what you believe about evangelism based on today’s lesson. You can begin your statement with something like: “Evangelism, I believe...”