The Calling of Levi - Luke 5:27-32

Topics: Acceptance, Actions, Call, Change, Decisions, Follow, Invitation, Mission, Repentance, Reputation, Unbelievers

Open It

1. How do you feel about the Internal Revenue Service?
* 2. What jobs do you think present the greatest temptation to do wrong? Why?
3. What is the most important consideration in finding and enjoying a career?

Explore It

* 4. What was Levi's profession? (5:27)
5. What did Jesus say to Levi? (5:27)
* 6. What actions did Levi take upon hearing Jesus' invitation to follow Him? (5:28)
7. What did Levi leave behind when he followed Jesus? (5:28)
* 8. What was Levi's first action as a new follower of Jesus? (5:29)
9. Whom did Levi invite to his "new career party"? (5:29)
10. In accepting Levi's hospitality, what was Jesus accused of doing? (5:30)
11. What groups made a point of condemning Christ's choice of companions? (5:30)
12. How did the Pharisees and others express their disapproval of Jesus' presence at Levi's banquet? (5:30)
13. What was the point of the Pharisees' question to Jesus' disciples? (5:30)
14. To what occupation did Jesus liken His ministry? (5:31)
15. Why did Jesus come? (5:32)
16. What reason did Jesus give for His coming? (5:32)

Get It

17. What did Jesus mean by saying that He came to call sinners to repentance and not to call the righteous?
* 18. What reasons could Jesus have had for calling Levi, a deserter to the Roman government, to follow Him?
19. Why do you think Levi followed Jesus without knowing much about Him?
20. How can we follow Christ today?
* 21. What do people find most difficult to leave behind when they follow Jesus?
22. Why was Jesus comfortable at a party attended almost entirely by people whom others had rejected?
23. Who are "the righteous" that don't need Jesus?

Apply It

* 24. How can you reach out in the days ahead to one person whom others neglect or ignore?
25. What can you do to follow Christ's example more consciously this week?