



DIGGING DEEPER

Luke 5v27-32 Encounters with Christ
Tax Collector

PLEASE READ – Luke 5v27-32

GETTING STARTED

How does today's encounter follow on from last weeks (the paralysed man and the need for forgiveness)?

1) THE CALL (v27-28)

Chat about how popular Levi would have been and why. Why then were the actions of Jesus so surprising?

Talk about the response of Levi. Where have you seen that response before? How radical was the response? What does it teach us about the nature of Christian discipleship?

What might radical discipleship look like for you?

2) THE CELEBRATION (v29)

Why do you think Levi hosts the banquet?

What does this celebration teach us about Levi's faith and his public commitment to Christ? Why is this such an appropriate passage for a baptism service?

3) THE COMPLAINT (v30)

Does the complaining surprise you?

What had the Pharisees failed to understand?

4) THE CLARITY (v31-32)

Discuss the illustration Jesus uses in v31 and how it answers the Pharisees complaint...

Who then did Jesus come for / Not come for? What does that mean?

How does that truth affect your evangelism? As you think about that question reflect on the quote below...

'Preaching of sin and grace, that rips up the conscience and pours in gospel balm'

Horton Davies

Meditate on the words below...

Luke 19v10: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.