

WEEK 6 | FACE TO FACE

Date: April 14, 2024

Verses: Matthew 9:9-13 & Luke 5:27-32



SERIES INSIGHT

This series our challenge to the people of Grace is to dive deeper in walking with Jesus **Face to Face**, more than you ever have before. In our highs and lows, being Face to Face with Jesus changes everything. By seeing the way Jesus does it with others throughout the stories we'll cover, we can then learn how we can walk with Jesus just the same.

ICEBREAKER

- If you could know everything about anything, what would you choose and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. **Reflection on Transformation:** Both Matthew and Luke describe the moment when Jesus calls Levi (Matthew) to follow him. What aspects of Levi's transformation are emphasized in these passages, and how can we relate them to our own experiences of transformation?
3. **Understanding Jesus' Approach:** Jesus dines with tax collectors and sinners, which was controversial at the time. What does Jesus' willingness to associate with societal outcasts reveal about his character and mission? How does this challenge our own attitudes towards those considered outcasts in our society?
4. **The Call to Follow:** Levi immediately follows Jesus when called. What does this response suggest about Levi's understanding of who Jesus is? How can we apply this sense of urgency and willingness to respond to Jesus' call in our own lives?
5. **The Pharisees' Reaction:** The Pharisees criticize Jesus for eating with sinners. What does this reveal about their understanding of righteousness and their attitude towards those they considered sinners? How can we guard against adopting a similar self-righteous attitude in our own lives?
6. **The Heart of Jesus' Mission:** Jesus states that he came to call sinners to repentance. What does this statement reveal about the heart of Jesus' mission on Earth? How can we actively participate in this mission of calling others to repentance and reconciliation with God?

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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