



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS FOR THE REST OF US

# THE DUST OF YOUR RABBI

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Part 10

## TALMIDIM (תלמידים)

Definition: Disciples. Learners. Followers.

Root Word: Talmid — תלמיד (a student who doesn't just learn information, but imitates the life of the teacher.)

### 1. JESUS SEES

*"Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his **tax collector's** booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him."*

**Tax Collector** = τελώνης (telōnēs)

### 2. FOLLOWING JESUS

*"So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him." (Luke 5:28)*

### 3. JESUS ATTENDS

*"Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them." (Luke 5:29)*

### 4. RELIGION ALWAYS

*"But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" (Luke 5:29-30)*

*"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" (Luke 5:30b NIV)*

*31 Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. 32 I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." (Luke 5:31-32)*

## 5. JESUS

*“They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.”*

*34 Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them?  
35 But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.”*

*36 He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, ‘The old is better.’” ( Luke 5:33-39)*

### LUKE 5

#### Jesus draws a crowd

“Jesus stood along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Crowds were pressing close to hear the word of God” (Luke 5:1).



# ONLY GOD MISSION

## THE 10/40 WINDOW

RISK EVERYTHING TO REACH EVERYONE



## REACHING THE UNREACHED

FOR OVER 2,000 YEARS, THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL HAS SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD. YET TODAY, THERE ARE STILL MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER HAD A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR IT.

THE WORLD IS NOT SIMPLY DIVIDED BY GEOGRAPHY, BUT BY PEOPLE GROUPS—DISTINCT COMMUNITIES DEFINED BY LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND IDENTITY. WITHIN MANY OF THESE GROUPS, THERE IS LITTLE TO NO ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL. THERE ARE NO CHURCHES, NO LOCAL BELIEVERS, AND NO CONSISTENT WITNESS OF CHRIST.

THESE ARE KNOWN AS UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS.

WHILE MUCH OF CHRISTIAN MISSION WORK HAS FOCUSED ON AREAS THAT ALREADY HAVE ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL, THE GREATEST NEED REMAINS AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD. THE CALL IS NOT JUST TO GO—BUT TO GO WHERE THERE IS NO ONE ELSE.

### THIS IS THE HEART OF THE MISSION:

- TO BRING THE MESSAGE OF JESUS WHERE IT HAS NOT YET BEEN HEARD
  - TO STEP INTO PLACES WITHOUT ESTABLISHED CHURCHES OR BELIEVERS
  - TO CARRY HOPE ACROSS CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC BARRIERS
  - TO ENSURE THAT EVERY PEOPLE GROUP HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR
- REACHING THE UNREACHED IS NOT SIMPLY A TASK—IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY. IT REQUIRES INTENTIONALITY, SACRIFICE, AND A WILLINGNESS TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS FAMILIAR.

THE MISSION CONTINUES UNTIL EVERY PEOPLE GROUP HAS ACCESS TO THE GOOD NEWS.

THE WORK IS NOT FINISHED. THE CALL REMAINS. GO WHERE OTHERS ARE NOT.