



LUKE
ROOM
FOR
MORE

Luke: Room For More (Feb. 28 to March 21)

It seems like more and more we find ourselves running out of room. We're so busy we can't make room in our schedules. We're so distracted we can't make room for relationships. We're so divided we can't make room for differences. But, for those who are lonely, those who are exhausted, and those who feel like they never belong, there's good news — Jesus always has room for more.

Group Discussion

Scripture: Luke 5:27-32, Ephesians 2:12-13, Proverbs 19:11, Ephesians 2:4-5

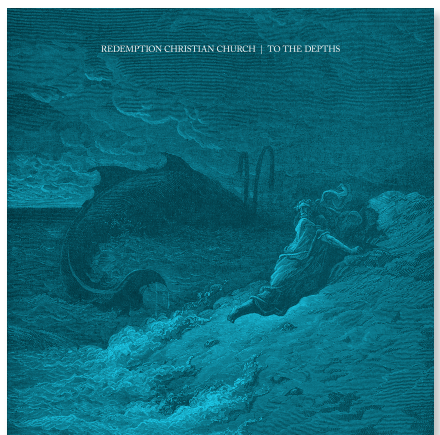
Getting started: *What would you, 10 years ago, say to you today? What would you, 10 years from now, say to you today?*

1. Read Luke 5:27-28. Describe what life would have been like for a tax collector in Jesus' day. What would be a similar occupation today? Do you have a group of people you have a hard time identifying with, or even dislike, because of what they do, believe, or think?
2. Why do you think Levi was so ready to follow Jesus? Did you have to leave some things behind when you started following Jesus? Do you sense God asking you to leave some things behind now to follow him whole heartedly?
3. Read Luke 5:29. Why was throwing a party the first thing Levi did after he started following Jesus? What are some creative ways God may be asking you to close the gap between your friends and Jesus?
4. Read Luke 5:30-32. What is so sad about the response of the religious leaders? Is Jesus saying He didn't come for religious people? Do you ever fall into the same trap of self-righteousness? How?

5. Close the gap with understanding. Read Romans 12:15. How does this close the gap? Close the gap by not being easily offended. Read Proverbs 19:11. How does this close the gap? Close the gap by being gracious and loving. Read Ephesians 2:4-5. How does this close the gap?

Next Steps

We can help close the gap between people and Jesus with understanding, by not being easily offended, and by being gracious and loving. Which one is God asking you to focus on this week?



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