

HOUSE PARTY

Week 2: The Open House | Luke 5:27–32

Luke 5:27–32 (CSB)

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, “Follow me.”
28 So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow him. 29 Then Levi hosted a grand banquet for him at his house. Now there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others who were reclining at the table with them. 30 But the Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
31 Jesus replied to them, “It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

What happens when Jesus calls you to follow Him?

1. WE HAVE THE SAME CONDITION.

Peter and Levi may occupy completely different places in society, but spiritually they have exactly the same problem.

Luke 5:31 (CSB) — Jesus replied to them, “It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick.”

The fisherman and the tax collector have the same condition. The respectable sinner and the disreputable sinner need the same Savior. **I’m not the Doctor. I’m another patient who knows where to find Him.**

2. JESUS CALLS US TO THE SAME SURRENDER.

Luke 5:11 (CSB)

Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him.

Luke 5:28 (CSB)

So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow him.

Different stories. Same surrender. When you follow Jesus, nothing in your life gets excluded from His authority.

My money belongs to Jesus. My career belongs to Jesus. My sexuality belongs to Jesus. My politics belong to Jesus. My possessions belong to Jesus.

3. JESUS SENDS US ON THE SAME MISSION.

Luke 5:10 (CSB) — “Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told Simon. “From now on you will be catching people.”

Levi doesn’t go looking for a brand-new mission field. **His old relationships become his new mission field.** The people he knew before Jesus are now the people he wants to introduce to Jesus.

“Every Alaskan” stops being overwhelming when the “every” gets a name. The vision is enormous, but the mission happens one person, one relationship, one table at a time.

WHO IS ALREADY IN YOUR LIFE?

Coworker / Neighbor / Family member / Friend / Someone who might sit at your table:

PASTOR’S CHALLENGE: Who’s already in your life that you can bring closer to Jesus?