

Bible Reading:

1. **Luke 5:27-32** - After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."
2. **2 Corinthians 5:17-19** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
3. **John 3:3-5** - Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Observation Questions:

1. In Luke 5:27-28, what was Levi's immediate response to Jesus' call, and what did he leave behind?
2. How did the Pharisees and scribes react to Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners as described in Luke 5:30-32?
3. What reason does Jesus give for associating with tax collectors and sinners in Luke 5:31-32?
4. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, what happens to someone who is in Christ?

Interpretation Questions:

1. Why might Levi's decision to follow Jesus, leaving everything behind, be significant for understanding discipleship?
2. What does Jesus' response to the Pharisees' criticism in Luke 5:31-32 suggest about His mission and priorities?
3. How does the concept of being a "new creation" in 2 Corinthians 5:17 relate to the transformation Levi experienced?
4. In John 3:3-5, what does Jesus mean by being "born again," and how does this concept challenge traditional religious views?

Application Questions:

1. Reflect on your own life: what might 'leaving everything' look like if you were to follow Jesus more closely? Identify one specific thing you can let go of this week to better follow Him.
2. Considering Jesus' willingness to associate with those marginalized by society, identify a group or individual you usually avoid. How can you extend grace and fellowship to them this week?
3. In light of being a "new creation," identify one old habit or mindset you need to abandon. What practical step can you take this week to allow the new creation in Christ to flourish in that area of your life?
4. Think about the concept of being "born again" as a daily renewal. What is one specific way you can live out this renewed life each day this week, demonstrating the reality of the Kingdom of God in your actions?