

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

**In preparation for Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**Passage: Luke 5:27-39**

Memory Passage: Luke 5:31-32

### **DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:27-39.** Who are the characters or groups of people that are mentioned in this passage? What do you know about these different people?
- (b) Why did Levi quickly obey Jesus' command to follow him? Consider the previous passages in chapter 5 as you answer.
- (c) Is it significant that Levi "left everything behind, and rose up and began to follow" Jesus? Why or why not?

### **DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:27-39; 19:1-8.** Tax collectors were Jews who were collecting taxes for the Romans from other Jews. Often, they would take more than was necessary and keep the extra for themselves; therefore, tax collectors were viewed as those who had betrayed their own people. Consider Zaccheus' confession of extortion in Luke 19. With this information in mind, why were the Pharisees and scribes grumbling about Jesus eating with the crowd in Levi's house?
- (b) **Read Luke 5:31-32; 16:14-15.** What does Jesus' response to the Pharisees and scribes in vv. 31-32 reveal about how they viewed themselves in light of His words to them in chapter 16?

### **DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

### **READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:27-39; 18:9-14.** Does Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and tax collector in chapter 18 give any insight as to why the Pharisees are asking about fasting and prayer in chapter 5? Does fasting make a person more godly than someone who doesn't fast? Explain your answer.
- (b) In Jesus' response to the Pharisees' question about fasting and prayer, what is the point Jesus is making in the illustration of the bridegroom? Who does the bridegroom represent? Who do the attendants of the bridegroom represent?

**DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:27-39.** In vv. 36-39, Jesus gives two similar metaphors regarding the old and the new. How do these illustrations relate to the previous verses?
- (b) Verse 39 illustrates how the Pharisees were clinging to the old covenant and rejecting the new teachings of Christ. With v. 39 in mind, in what ways do you observe people rejecting the gospel of Christ and clinging to their old ways which they prefer?

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 5:27-39.** After reading through the passage, meditate on Levi's willingness to follow Christ and the Pharisees' rejection of Him. Are you clinging to the old, or are you leaving the old behind and following after Christ?

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*The Physician & The Pharisees*