

# Jesus

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part 4 LUKE

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## **Luke 5:27–32 (NIV84)**

<sup>27</sup> After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup> and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

<sup>29</sup> Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?”

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

## **Matthew 9:13 (NIV84)**

<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

## **Additional Passages Used Today**

Romans 12:2; Luke 11:34–36; Exodus 34:29–30;  
Ephesians 3:10; John 15:16

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## **GROUP OUTLINE | WEEK OF 6.1.14**

1. What did you have to turn from to follow Jesus?
2. What have you left to follow Jesus?
3. Have you ever realized you were following a religious tradition of man vs. a model of life Jesus demonstrated? What was it and how did you change your mindset?
4. How does it impact you to comprehend that you are called/chosen?
5. How is your spiritual vision? Do you see “others” or do you see “sinners” by instinct. How can we learn to love people for who they are vs. labeling them as did the Pharisees in our text?
6. How do we avoid the appearance of evil, but yet live life with others in a way that leaves us accused of being with sinners? How do you blend living a holy life and one that is in the company of those far from Jesus who need to be called to repentance?
7. What portion of Luke 5:27-32 most challenges you to action?