

# GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

## a story of celebration... Luke 5:27-32

### **Big Idea::**

Jesus calls Levi (a tax collector) to come and follow him. This leads to an amazing celebration at the grace of God poured out. But this celebration doesn't come without its critics (the Pharisees who can't believe that Jesus is associating with "sinners"). Here Jesus announces clearly his mission – calling sinners to repentance – inviting sinners to 'follow me'.

### **Some Questions for Discussion::**

1. Jesus has invited you to 'follow him' – so how are you doing at being a 'follower of Jesus'? Is there anything in your life that hinders your 'following Him'?
2. Gratitude comes from a heart that realizes that what we have is not ours because we deserved it – so how is your "gratitude level" in life? Meaning, what would it look like for you to live out 'gratitude' towards Jesus for ALL that He has done for you and invited you to be part of?
3. If we would follow Jesus we cannot cut people off or out of our lives, rather we must seek to bring them with us as we follow Jesus. How are you staying connected with others and how are you inviting them to walk with you as you walk with Jesus?
4. People (particularly the Pharisees) got mad at Jesus because he hung out with the "wrong" people. How about yourself, are people shocked at who you spend your time with? See Luke 7:34, are we "friends of sinners"? If we are not 'friends of sinners' – why?

### **Summarizing Questions::**

- A. Is Jesus worth following? What would it mean and/or look like to follow Jesus 'full-time' and not just 'par-time'?
- B. Who in your life do you want to introduce to Jesus, and what are you doing about it? What are you 'inviting' them to? {church, Community Group, your home, etc.}
- C. If the mission of Jesus (why He came) was to call sinners to repentance, how are you doing at living out the mission of Jesus in your everyday life? Is your life characterized by repentance, trust and following? What are some practical ways you might grow in living out the mission of Jesus in your day-to-day life?

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