



# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Big Idea:** The table is a place for sinners to meet Jesus.

**Icebreaker:** There's a big party in your honor and you get to have whatever food you want. What food would you want to have?

**Context:** Luke, the human author of this passage, wants to show us throughout his Gospel account that Jesus Christ is Savior, Lord, and God. Jesus is at the beginning stages of His earthly ministry, and He has just called His first disciples to follow Him. He is causing quite a commotion not only for His miraculous healings, but also for the people He associates with. We're about to see Jesus cause another commotion as He invites someone else to follow Him, someone that no one expected.

**Passage:** Read Luke 5:27-32 and then pray.

## Bible Discussion

1. We're told that Levi was a tax collector. Who were tax collectors and why does the author want us to know that?
2. What does it tell us about Jesus that He would spend time sharing a meal with a large company of tax collectors?
3. Who was upset with Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners, and why were they upset?
4. What can we learn from Jesus' response to their complaint?
5. How can Christians today have the same attitude of the Pharisees in this passage?

## Next Step

6. In light of this passage, how should it change the way you relate to people?
7. How can you find yourself being judgmental towards certain people? How can you adopt the same attitude as Jesus?
8. How intentional are you at spending time with people who are different from you? What are some ways you can be more intentional?

## Gospel Connection

The beauty of this passage is that we see that nobody is too messed up or too sinful to have a relationship with Jesus. We are all sick because of our sin, and we need help. Jesus came not just to help us, but to save us through His life, death, and resurrection. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus loves sinners who accept His invitation to come and follow Him.

## Celebrate and Care

Close out your group time by sharing prayer requests.

# MESSAGE NOTES

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Ministry happens around a table!  
Luke 5:27-32

A place for sinners to meet Jesus!

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