

Small Group questions

Luke 5: 27-32– The Saviour for Sinners

1) Consider how a tax collector was viewed by Jewish society at the time of Jesus. What would be a modern-day equivalent of this despised individual?

2) Did Levi's decision to abandon his tax booth mean permanently leaving his job to follow Rabbi Jesus? Does following Jesus imply we should quit our jobs or is it something more?

4) What must the Pharisees have believed (about God, sin, righteousness) that made them consider it wrong to eat with sinners?

5) What was Jesus getting at with the medical illustration in v. 31? What often stands in the way of us seeing ourselves for who we really are? Why do we often miss the true diagnosis of our spiritual malady?

6) What do Jesus' words to the Pharisees in v.32 reveal about His mission? How can you follow Levi's example (v.29) and Jesus' example (v.29&30) with regard to sinners around you? How can you avoid acting toward sinners as the Pharisees did? Do you view your home as a fortress or a hospital? Why?

7) What commitment will you make in the next few weeks to respond to Jesus' mission and Levi's example?

8) What stands in the way of you being passionate about this?