

Luke 5:27-39

Jesus celebrates the new day!



The text – Luke 5:27-39

1. Read Luke 5:27-28. Who is Levi, the tax collector? See also Matthew 9:9-13.
2. Jesus has already called fishermen to be his disciples in Luke 5:9-11. Discuss the call of Jesus and the response of Levi. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
3. Why did Levi hold a “great banquet for Jesus in his house” in Luke 5:29? Why did Jesus attend the banquet, even though he knew it would lead to more criticism of his ministry?
4. Read Luke 5:30-32. People are often called “sinners” in Luke’s writing. See also Luke 6:32, 33, 34 and Luke 7:34. What does it mean to be a sinner?
5. Read Luke 5:33-35. Why don’t Jesus and his disciples fast and pray, like John’s disciples? Why are they known for eating and drinking?
6. Discuss the parable told by Jesus in Luke 5:36-39. What does it mean?

The Scriptures – Luke 5:27-39 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. These events are also recorded in Matthew 9:9-17 and Mark 2:13-22. Read either or both of these accounts and draw comparisons and contrasts between them and the account written by Luke.
8. There are many promises in OT Scripture that God will renew things; that God will make old and stale things to be fresh and full of life. One important passage is found in Isaiah 42:1-9. Read it and discuss what these promises mean. How do you think they are related to what Jesus does and says in Luke 5:27-39?
9. Banquets and wedding feasts are really important throughout the Scriptures. Read Revelation 19:6-9. These are among the final words of the Bible. How do they relate to this passage in Luke 5?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 5:27-39 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. How does this passage of Scripture encourage or challenge you? What does God want you to do as you respond to his word?
11. What have you learnt about Jesus that is new? What do you love about the way Jesus lives, speaks and ministers in this passage?
12. How can we encourage and pray for you in your discipleship as we seek to love God with all our heart and walk in the way of Jesus?