



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

IN JESUS' DAY, THE TABLE WAS MORE THAN A PLACE TO NOURISH THE BODY. IT WAS A PLACE TO NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS AND NOURISH THE SOUL. THROUGHOUT THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, WE SEE JESUS EATING WITH ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE, USING THOSE MOMENTS TO CONNECT WITH THE UP AND COMERS AND THE DOWN AND OUT, THE OUTCASTS AND THE IN-CROWD. ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AT THE TABLE WITH JESUS - EVEN A TRANSFORMED LIFE.

**1** When you think about your schedule, what are the places and who are the people with whom you eat the most? How often do you eat on the go vs sitting down?

**2 Read Luke 5:27-28.** Levi was the last person people would expect to become a rabbi's disciple. But *at Jesus' table, your past doesn't disqualify you.* Why do so many of us feel marked or held back by our past? Why is it sometimes a struggle to believe that God really gives us a fresh start?

**3 Read Luke 5:29.** Levi immediately uses his influence to invite his outcast friends to dinner with Jesus. *At a follower's table, Jesus belongs at every meal.* What are the places where you eat and spend time with people who don't follow Jesus? What would it look like for Jesus to be part of those moments?

**4 Read Luke 5:30.** The religious leaders have a gift for complaint and criticism. What are ways we can stay humble to keep ourselves from looking down on others? How do we strike a balance between reaching the lost and not being corrupted by bad influences?

**5 Read Luke 5:31-32.** *If you know you're in need, you're exactly who Jesus wants at His table.* Ironically, Jesus isn't interested in the people who think they qualify. He wants the ones who know they don't? What are the ways you know you are in need, and how have you seen Jesus meet them (or how do you hope Jesus could meet your needs)? What does it mean to repent of your sin and trust Jesus?

