

## Sermon Discussion Questions for October 27, 2019

### Jesus at the Party – Luke 5:27-32

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
  2. Who were the scribes and Pharisees? What did they think about the party that Levi (Matthew) hosted at his house? What was the problem of these religious leaders? Was Jesus speaking positively or negatively about the religious leaders in His statement in verse 31-32? Why were religious leaders always so negative and condescending?
  3. Jesus provides us with the way to live a holy life without being “holier than thou.” What does He do to demonstrate this difference? He also shows that you can be righteous without being “self-righteous.” How so?
  4. After following Jesus, how does Levi (Matthew) respond? To whom does He share his new relationship with Jesus? What is Matthew’s attitude toward his co-workers and friends? Does he abandon them? But, does he continue in his unrighteous and unholy actions and attitudes after following Jesus? (see John 8:7-12).
  5. If you are a follower of Jesus, are you acting more like Jesus or the religious leaders? How do you treat those whom are living unrighteous and unholy lives? Do you ignore them? Disdain them? Join them? Or Invite them to know Jesus and enter into the “Joy of His kingdom?”
  6. Read Galatians 6:1-5. Paul expands on the example of Jesus in relationships with sinners and how to engage without compromising your own walk with Jesus? Do you avoid “sinners” and the “unrighteous” or do you invite them to the celebration of knowing Jesus? By your actions, do people see the joy that comes from knowing Christ portrayed in your life? Let your light shine for Jesus in the coming days!
- Remember to pray for each other’s unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
  - Love others as Christ loves you.
  - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
  - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

