

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

ENTERING THE MESS OF GOOD NEIGHBORING
Luke 5:27-32

Main Thought: In Luke 5:27-32, we discover from Jesus that good neighboring can get messy and we need to be prepared to deal with the mess.

1. THE STORY OF _____ AND _____
(Luke 5:27-32)

2. _____ THE _____...

1) Just _____

2) Ask _____ and _____

3) Set healthy _____.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. What was the best party you've ever been to? What was memorable about it?

2. Read Luke 5:27-32.

3. Why did it raise eyebrows that Jesus would call Levi a tax collector to follow Him? Why do you think Levi was so quick to respond to Jesus' invitation?

4. How might Simon and his friends feel about Jesus' choice?

5. What are some modern day equivalents of biblical tax collectors? How do you interact with these groups? How do you think Jesus would interact with these groups?

6. How did the Pharisees respond to Jesus' association with Levi? Why?

7. Why choose Levi? What is the irony here? (vv 31-32)

8. Have you encountered a messy situation in neighboring? What happened?

9. Would those who know you well say you are too strict with your personal boundaries, too loose with your personal boundaries, or just about right?

10. How do you go about establishing healthy boundaries in your life? What healthy boundaries might we need to establish when it comes to dealing with messy situations when neighboring? What risks do you need to take in having healthier boundaries (i.e. risk telling people no, risk joining them in their mess, etc.)?

11. How are you doing at learning the names of eight of your immediate neighbors? Can you list them here? What plans are you making to connect with your neighbors at some point this summer?