

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

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Introduction

If God gave you the challenge of changing the world, who would you invite to help you accomplish it? Would you put together a team of the world's greatest humanitarians, philosophers, scientists, communication specialists, media experts and social media influencers?

Jesus did change the world, and the team He chose were not experts. He gathered fishermen and they asked some mates to come too. He spent time with lepers, prostitutes, adulterers and tax collectors. The people in Jesus' team often had messy and imperfect lives and yet they were able to share the good news with the people they knew.

Bible Passage

Luke 5:27-31

Discussion

1. What do you notice in the passage about Jesus and Levi? Why do you think Levi followed Jesus?
2. Have you been excited about something or someone in a way that has caused you to share the news with others? What made it 'shareable'? Is inviting others something you do naturally or need to be intentional about?
3. Jesus doesn't ask Levi to forget about his friends and family, instead Jesus joins them at a banquet. Are there friends who listen to you, who share your insights with others, who will do things to serve you? How can you get to know their friends and family better?

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4. How has Jesus impacted your life? Tell your story to one another. Practice sharing your personal experience and pray for God to show you who to share it with.

Respond

Most of us have had an experience where God may have answered a prayer, prompted us to do something or nudged us to check in with a friend. These are experiences we can share with others! Levi invited a whole heap of people over to meet Jesus. He was excited by this guy who took the time to talk to him, and he wanted others to know Jesus, too. Consider what has held you back from sharing your faith in the past and how you can be like Levi, excited and bold enough to invite people to read the Bible or spend more time with you.

