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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01

Print the PDF.

-or-

02

Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03

Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of April 17^h // Conversation: April 23rd

Jesus Has Come for the Sick

During the time of Jesus, tax collectors were Jewish citizens who collected taxes from their own people and paid them to the Romans, who were Gentiles. They were seen as sellouts. Interestingly enough, it's this exact group of people from which Jesus calls one of His disciples! Let's look at how Jesus called Levi. (Side note - Levi is named Matthew in Matt 9:9.)

pray.

What's on your mind right now? Do you have thoughts buzzing around in your head? Feel unsettled? Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Ask God to declutter your mind and help you focus on Him and His Word. Offer this time to Him as a sacrifice of love. You could be doing any number of other things right now, but you're choosing to spend time with your God. Pour out your heart to Him before you get started on today's devotional.

observe.

Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text that has been printed out for you below. Make sure you mark only 1 word at a time as you read through. When you're finished, you should have read through this section several times.

01 Mark every reference to Jesus with a .

02  every reference to Levi.

03 Put a  line through any reference to sinners.

Luke 5:27-32 (ESV)

²⁷ After this he [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. ²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

interpret.

01 What was Levi’s profession? Based on the information we gave you at the start of the devotional, how would he have been seen by his fellow Jews?

02 What was Levi’s response when Jesus said, “Follow me”?



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03 What was Levi's second response? How many people were there? What kind of people were they?

04 What were the objections of the Scribes and Pharisees in verse 30?

05 How could you explain Jesus's response to someone who has never read this part of the Bible before? How could you summarize it to a Bible "newbie"?

apply.

01 Eating and drinking with a group of people denotes a fellowship or camaraderie with them. What was the significance of Jesus eating with the tax collectors and sinners?

02 Are you willing to go and sit at the tables that God has placed in your life? Who are the tax collectors and sinners in your circle of influence? Are you willing to sit with them as Jesus did?

bring it together.

Jesus didn't come for those who are healthy. He came for the sick – those who need to repent of their sins and their sickness. We're all in that camp, aren't we? Romans 3:10 says that there is no one righteous, no not one. Jesus has come for all of us who are dead in our trespasses and sins. But we don't have to stay that way! He has come to forgive us of our sins and make us alive with Him (Eph 2:5)!

That is the news that we bring to the tables of tax collectors and sinners in our lives. The message of hope and salvation is the ultimate medicine for those who are sick.

When Jesus called Levi, he left everything and followed Jesus. How do you respond when God calls you? Do you leave what you're doing and change course? Is there someone in your life right now who needs to know that Jesus has come for them? Spend some time praying for that person (or people) and ask God to open a door of opportunity for you!

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