

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

**Jesus... In the Gospel of Luke
Reaching Out To The Lost!**

With Pastor Mel Svendsen
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Luke 5:27-32

NOTES:

QUESTION 1

The sermon describes Matthew as an unlikely candidate for discipleship, yet he left everything immediately when Jesus called him. What does this reveal about the nature of true repentance, and is there anything in your own life you have been hesitant to leave behind in following Christ?

QUESTION 2

Pastor Mel warns that a person can be close to religion and far from God -- in what ways might religious routine or familiarity with Scripture actually become a barrier to a genuine, transforming relationship with Jesus?

QUESTION 3

Jesus chose to eat with tax collectors and sinners despite intense criticism from the religious establishment -- how do you personally navigate the tension between maintaining your own spiritual integrity and genuinely engaging with people who live far from God?

QUESTION 4

The sermon uses the image of Jesus as a physician who goes to the sick rather than the healthy -- in what practical ways does your daily life reflect the posture of a physician seeking out those who need healing rather than avoiding them?

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Pastor Mel suggests that God has placed each believer strategically in their current circumstances for a purpose -- how does that belief change the way you view your workplace, neighborhood, or family relationships as opportunities for spiritual influence?

The Pharisees saw contamination in sinners while Matthew saw friends who needed Jesus -- what attitudes or assumptions do you carry about certain people that might be preventing you from seeing them the way Christ sees them?

The sermon draws a sharp distinction between admiring Jesus, agreeing with Jesus, and actually following Jesus -- which of these most honestly describes where you are in your relationship with Christ, and what would it take to move deeper?

John Newton's statement that he was a great sinner but Christ is a great Savior is cited as a model for evangelism -- how does keeping your own need for grace at the forefront of your mind shape the way you share the gospel with others?

Matthew responded to his encounter with Jesus by immediately throwing a feast to introduce his friends to Christ -- what does your response to salvation say about how seriously you take the spiritual condition of those around you who do not yet know Jesus?

The sermon emphasizes that roughly 80 percent of people who come to faith in Christ do so through a close friend or family member -- how does that reality both challenge and encourage you in the way you invest in relationships with people who do not yet believe?