

From Booth To Banquet

In a wild moment of grace, Jesus pursues someone no one else would: Levi, a tax collector, a guy who made a living off taking from others. Jesus invited him into a brand-new life. Levi wasn't looking for Jesus, but Jesus was looking for him, just like He's pursuing people all around us today. The encounter transforms Levi so completely that he even changes his name. What does Levi do with his new life? He throws a party and opens seats around the table for others to meet and experience the One who changes everything. **Read Luke 5:27-32**.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What's one area of your life where you've resisted change and how might Jesus be inviting you to trust HIm with it now? (Think: comfort zones, habits, relationships, identity)
- 2. Like the expired hot sauce what's something in your life that may have outlived its purpose, but you're still holding onto it? What would it take to finally let it go and move forward in faith?
- 3. Levi wasn't looking for Jesus, but Jesus came looking for him. Who in your life might seem unlikely or even "unworthy" in the world's eye, but might be exactly who Jesus is pursuing right now? How can you specifically assist in that pursuit?
- 4. Levi's identity changed completely from tax collector to a gospel writer. How has following Jesus changed your identity? What parts of your "old self" still try to resurface? How do you stay on the path?
- 5. After meeting Jesus, Levi threw a party so others could meet Jesus too. What's one practical way you could create space at your table, in your schedule, or in your life for others to encounter Jesus?
- 6. Jesus said He came for the sick, not the healthy. How can that truth reshape how you see others, and your role in His mission?