

Sermon: From Old to New.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 5:27-39.
Date: April 14, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Can you explain the purpose of God's Old Testament Law (in the sermon we gave three reasons for the Law)? Think about the big story of the whole Bible (especially Jesus). How do we know that God did not expect us to be able to achieve salvation through keeping the law?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Who do you identify with in this story? Levi or the religious Pharisees? In what ways?

b) Look at 5:36-37. Jesus taught us that you can't mix the old and the new. What are some ways that Christians try to mix old covenant law with new covenant grace?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read verse 32. How does this verse summarize the gospel message? What is the role of repentance in a person's salvation? What about in a Christian's growth and transformation into Christ-likeness?

b) Are you living a joyless "fasting" Christianity rooted in law keeping, or a joyful "feasting" Christianity rooted in grace? If joyless, why do you think that is? How does recalling who we are in Christ bring joy? If joyful, is your joy rooted in Christ or in your situation?

APPLICATION

a) Levi's conversion process looked like this: He left behind his tax booth (his "savior"), he followed Jesus, he invited Jesus to come inside his home (heart), he feasted with Jesus and others. Where are you in this process of conversion? Have you made it to feasting yet?

b) Specifically, how can you follow Jesus' example and include outsiders and "sinners" in your life?

PRAYER

- Praise God for saving grace.
- Confess ways that you have tried to mix your own law keeping with faith in Christ.
- Thank Jesus for calling you to repentance and for feasting with you in your "heart house."
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to include others in your life, especially outsiders.