



Sermon Discussion Guide

July 27 & 28, 2024

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

[Luke 5:27-32](#)

Our next sermon series this summer is called "There's No Party Like a Jesus Party!" In this five week series we'll look at how the life that Jesus gives us is better than anything else. Join us each week as we look at how Jesus gives us life to the fullest.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Matthew 13:16](#) - "The Parable of the Sower"

- Where have you seen a glimpse of heaven touching earth?

Read [Luke 18:9-14](#) - "The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector"

Read [Luke 5:27-32](#) - "Jesus Calls Levi and Eats with Sinners"

- What was surprising about the calling of Matthew? Who was he? How would the original audience have heard both of these stories? What would they have thought about Matthew?
- Have you ever felt left out? What is that experience like? How do those experiences in our life shape how we view who is "in" and who is "out?"
- What are some things that provide a false sense of safety and security, but actually draw us away from God? Why did Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners? What was he coming to do?

Read [Matthew 9:9-13](#) - "The Calling of Matthew"

Read [Hosea 6:1,6-7](#) & [14:1-2](#)

- What do you notice about Matthew's retelling of how Jesus called him to follow? Why do you think he quotes Hosea? What is it that God desires? What do we sometimes think God wants?

Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) - "Made Alive in Christ"

- What is the narrative that we believe about rewards and doing good? Does that same narrative apply to salvation?

APPLY

Think about the people in your life who the world says shouldn't be invited. How can you invite them to come meet Jesus? Talk with your group about what it looks like to reach out to people who don't know Jesus and introduce them to his love. Find a new way to share God's love with others this week.