



CONNECTION QUESTION

When was the last time you invited a non-Christian over to your house?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read Luke 5:27-32.

Think about your circle of friends. How many of them are Christians? How many are non-Christians? Why is it important to have both Christian and non Christian friends?

Why did Jesus choose Levi (Matthew) to follow him? What is significant about the fact that Levi was a tax collector? What does this tell us about Jesus' mission in the world?

Imagine you are throwing a party just like Levi in Luke 5. Who would you invite? How many "tax collectors and sinners" would be there?

What is the response of the scribes and Pharisees when they see Jesus eating with "tax collectors and sinners"? How does Jesus respond to their complaints? Why does he use this analogy?



Jesus says that he has not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. What does he mean by this? What is the difference between being righteous before God and self-righteous? What does it mean to repent?

> Read Luke 19:1-10.

What do we learn about Zacchaeus in vv. 1-4? Limiting ourselves to these verses, what do we know about Zacchaeus? His life, hopes, desires?

Why do you think Jesus said that he *must* stay at Zacchaeus' house? What risk did Jesus take in doing this? What are the implications of this action to the bystanders? To Zacchaeus?

God used a meal to bring salvation to Zacchaeus. Who might God be calling you to have over for a meal?

NEXT STEPS

In order to reach those who don't know Jesus, we have to first know them. What are some ways that you can build relationships with those who are non-Christians?

Does thinking of yourself as a "missionary" in northwest Iowa/southwest Minnesota change the way you live?