

“A Table Reserved for ‘Sinners’”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader: Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. <p>Serving Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader: As Spring approaches, remember to talk to your group about ways you can serve together. (For ideas on how you can serve our Community Ministry Partners: go to “Small Groups Service Opportunities HUB” under the “Resources” tab in our Small Group Leader’s Group on Church Center. 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 3:7-14 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did John the Baptist’s instructions to tax collectors prepare them to follow Jesus? • How was Levi’s call a demonstration of repentance? <p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 18:9-14 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does our passage mirror this parable Jesus? What lesson are we supposed to learn from both?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 5:27-32 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you feel if you were one of the other disciples and you saw Jesus calling Levi to join the group? (Be honest.) • Are there people in the world today that you would be just as upset about joining our church? (Again...be honest.) • How does this passage challenge the way Jesus wants us to think about who is welcome at the table? 	<p>Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levi responds to Jesus’ call by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repenting: leaving his old life behind 2. Following Jesus: beginning the process of discipleship 3. Worshipping: giving and serving others and God joyfully 4. Inviting others: to meet Jesus! • Which of these is hardest for you to do and why? • What would our church look like if we all did these things? What would that communicate to the world? • Pray for God’s help to see this become a reality at our church. <p>Memorize: Luke 5:32</p>