



No Perfect People Allowed Series- Week 2: Go & Show

Luke 5:27-32

Study Guide for Oasis Connect Groups:

Two clear lessons for disciples in this passage:

1. Jesus doesn't really care what others think about a person, or how others value a person. He loves the outcasts and the unloved.
2. Jesus didn't concentrate on polishing the already righteous, but on rescuing the perishing. His mission is to the poor, the sick, the oppressed, and the brokenhearted.

Jesus loves you, whatever you've done. And calls you to follow him. Will you, like Levi, leave everything, get up, and follow him? If so, why not right now? He's waiting.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, your love can span chasms that no one else would even attempt. But you reach across to rescue us, and call us to our best alongside you. Thank you for your amazing graciousness. Help me not to cling to the rag-tag remnants of my former life, but to leave it behind, get up, and fall in step with you. In your powerful name, I pray. Amen.

Key Verses

" 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:27-28)

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:32)

Questions

1. Who in our society would correspond to the rich outcasts like tax collectors were in Jesus' day?
2. Why do we Christians feel so uncomfortable around blatant sinners? Why did Jesus succeed in making himself so at home in their presence?
3. Have you ever had a time when you felt like an outcast? What did it feel like to you, when Jesus' voice broke through all the static and let you know that he had chosen you and really wanted you? Please share your experience with the others in your group.
4. In light of the lessons of this passage, what kinds of people around us should we be reaching out to?

