

Series: **Rethinking Everything!** - *An Expository Study of Luke-Acts*

Today: **The Shocking Love of Jesus** (Lk 5:27-32) 07/25/10 #15

Intro:

** Lk 5:27-32 invites us to worship Jesus by showing how shockingly _____
AND _____ is his love for us. Lk 5:27-32 invites us to worship Jesus:

I. ... by showing how shockingly _____ is his love for us.

II. ... by showing how shockingly _____ is his love for us.

Concl:

1. Jesus invites & commands Levi to "follow me" in Lk 5:27. See also Lk 9:23, 9:59 & 18:22, & 23-30. What does it mean to "follow" Jesus? Are you following Him? How has his love led you to do so?
2. Luke tells us that Levi "left everything". See also Lk 5:11 & 18:28-29. What do you make of Levi's response? What does it mean to "leave everything"? Have you left everything because of how greatly Jesus has loved you?
3. Read & reflect on the theme of "repentance" in Luke & Acts
 - In Luke: Lk 3:3 & 8; 5:32, 10:13, 11:32; 13:3, 5 & 6-9; 15:7 & 10; 16:30; 17:3-4; 24:47. Note especially the linkage of joy with repentance in Lk 15:7 & 10, 22:27 & 32 & implied in 5:28-29.
 - In Acts: Acts 2:38; 5:31, 11:18
 - See also Mt 4:17, 11:20; Mk 1:14-16; Rom 2:4 & 2 Tim 2:25
4. Lk 5:27-32 is also told in Mk 2:13-17 & Mt 9:9-13. Read & reflect on the ways this same event is told with slight variations.
 - Notice the uniqueness in Lk 5:28 & 32. What do you make of this?
5. While we are to join Jesus in loving both immoral sinners & moralistic legalistic sinners – the Word of God also warns us to befriend such sinners with some care. We are not to let sinful friends lead us into sin. See Prov 13:20; 1 Cor 15:33 & 2 Cor 6:14-7:1. Conversely – are you too removed from some kinds of sinners? How might God want you to befriend such people that Jesus loves? How can you repent of your judgementalism?
6. Dinner scenes in Luke include not only 5:29 but also, 7:36ff, 9:12ff, 10:38ff, 11:37, 14:1, 19:7, 22:14, 24:30 & 41ff. What do you learn about Jesus from these scenes? Why does Luke make such a big deal of who Jesus eats with & what happens there?
7. I (Pastor Jeff) want to encourage you to keep on reading at least one chapter a day through the gospel of Luke during this entire 2 year study of this gospel. Read each chapter with questions like this in mind:
 - **Question #1:** What is one important teaching in this passage? (can you identify one central teaching with a key verse(s))
 - **Question #2:** What is one way that this passage leads you to worship God? (can you identify one "wow!" with a key verse(s))
 - **Question #3:** What is one way that this passage steps on your "toes"? (can you identify one application with a key verse(s))
 - **Question #4:** What is one way this passage inspires or directs prayer? (what is one way you can pray this passage today)