



THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Levi's Party – 11/29/2020

OVERVIEW

Jesus used a simple party for those around Him to learn God's truth. How can we invite others to a seat at our table all for the name of Jesus?

Scriptures: Luke 5:27-32, Mark 2:15

APPLICATION

- Share either your best experience at a party or your most awkward moment at a party?
- Jeremy talks about the three groups in Luke 5: the tax collectors and sinners, the Pharisees and teachers of the law, and the disciples of Jesus. Use the below definitions to help you decide out of the three groups at Levi's party, who do you most identify with and why?
 1. Tax collectors and sinners – They might also be referred to as the irreligious. It might have been out of naivety or sin, but they chose a way of living opposed to the God most of them grew up learning about. They were open to being with Jesus and listening to Him.
 2. Pharisees and teachers of the law – They might be referred to as the “most religious”. They witnessed the party from the outside because law did not allow them to attend. They were concerned and consumed with the outward actions of people. They were quick to criticize.
 3. The disciples of Jesus – They might be referred to as Jesus' apprentices. They were following Jesus, being made like Jesus, and joining Him on His mission. They were intentionally fostering relationships with people who did not believe what they believed.

NEXT STEPS: Use your answer to the above question to determine your next step.

1. Tax collectors and sinners – Admit that you need Jesus and you can't do it on your own. Intentionally put yourself in places where you can hear about Jesus. Find a follower of Jesus that you can apprentice and learn what it looks like to be a Christ follower.
2. Pharisees and teachers of the law – Confess to God your pharisaical views and biases. Forgiveness is yours with a humble heart. Invite others into this process.
3. The disciples of Jesus – Throw a mini Matthew party and begin building intentional relationships with those that do not follow Jesus. Invite them over for dinner or coffee and see how God uses the relationship you build.