

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

SURPRISE PARTY

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LUKE 5:27-32

Don't be surprised when Jesus calls _____.

(Luke 5:27-28)

Don't be surprised when the guest list _____

_____. (Luke 5:29-30)

Don't be surprised when _____ become

_____. (Luke 5:31-32)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: Do you like surprise parties? Why or why not?

Read Luke 5:27-32 out loud. Give everyone in the group 2-3 minutes in silence to make observations and jot them down. Open it up to the group. Have each person share at least one of their observations and discuss it.

Why would a first-century Jewish reader have been shocked that Jesus called a tax collector? Why did the Pharisees disapprove of this?

Contrast Levi's response with the Pharisees' response to Jesus. What do their reactions reveal about their expectations? Their assumptions about Jesus or themselves?

Why do we write people off as "uninterested in faith" or "too far gone"? What is wrong with this impulse?

How does the principle of "don't say 'no' for others" apply to people in your life who need to know about Jesus?

Think about your current social circles. How could you intentionally build relationships with people who are different from you politically, culturally, or socioeconomically?

Why is it hard to be honest about spiritual "sickness" in your own life? Who could you be honest with about this?

Within the next month, what's one concrete way you will practice Jesus-style hospitality by inviting someone different from you into your home or life?

PRAYER PROMPT: Spend some time in confession about an area of sin where you need your doctor, Jesus, to examine and heal you.