



Week 4

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: The True Doctor

Sermon Text: Luke 5:27-32

Group Week of: August 6, 2023

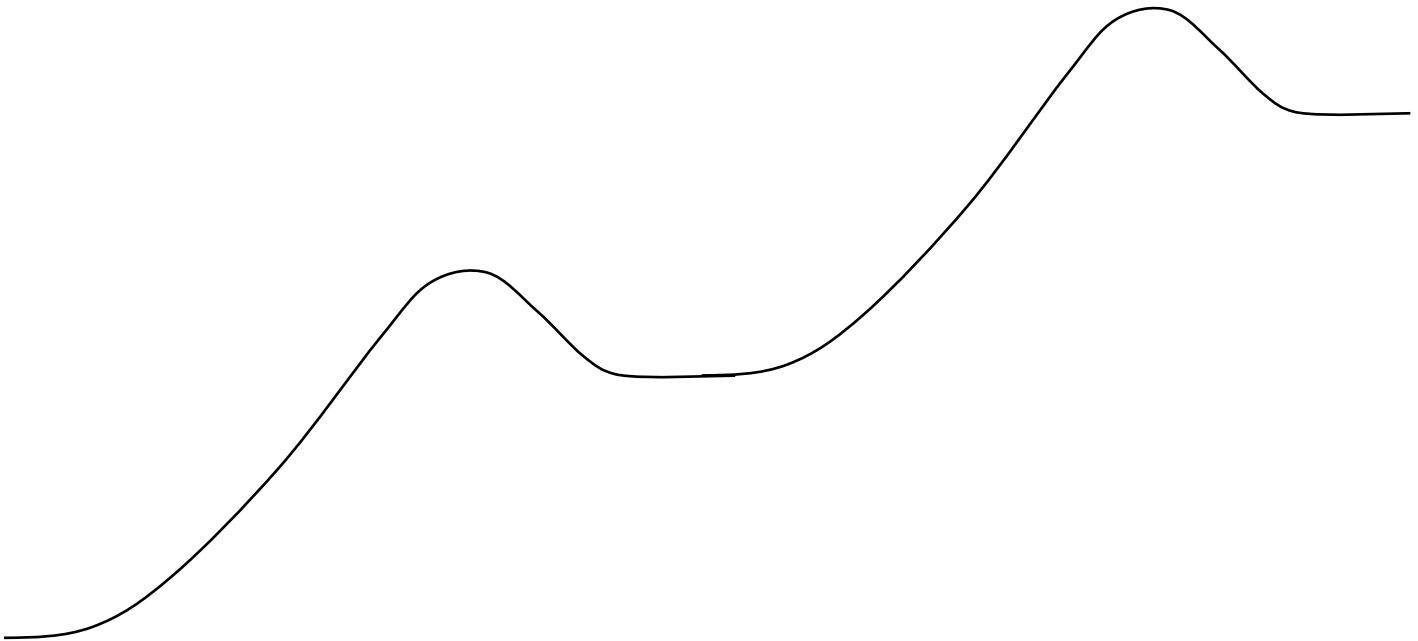
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Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	God's Call – Romans 8:18-30
Day 2	Humble Repentance – Luke 18:9-14
Day 3	Blind Self-Righteousness – Matt 15:1-20
Day 4	True Repentance Pt 1 – James 4:1-10
Day 5	True Repentance Pt 2 – Acts 2:14-41

The Text: Luke 5:27-32

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson (lessons) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) Does “left everything and followed him” refer to a single day of following Jesus or a life of following Him and why?
- 3) What does it mean that Jesus has not called the righteous to repent?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Jesus' actions have been viewed by many groups of people. First, the crowds who are always in awe of Jesus but don't often become followers. Second, the "experts" who are constantly picking apart Jesus and trying to find explanations for what they see. Third, the sinners who are often perpetually unclean, like prostitutes, tax collectors, and lepers. Why do groups 1 and 2 constantly fail to see Jesus as He is, but we see so many more people in group 3 becoming followers of Jesus?

- 2) In our world today, who would be the best representatives of groups 1, 2, and 3? Where do you fall in those groups?

- 3) Levi (Matthew) had been watching Jesus' miracles in Capernaum for some time and the Lord was working on his heart all the while. As a tax collector, he may have thought that being a disciple of Jesus was out of reach for someone like him. What would the significance of Jesus' invitation be to a man like Levi? What does Jesus' call upon Levi teach you about Jesus?

- 4) Levi immediately leaves his post and *everything* behind to follow Christ. In following Christ, what have you had to leave behind? As you answer this, remember two things:
 - 1) Not every disciple of Jesus left behind as much as Matthew did.
 - 2) Every disciple will leave something to follow Jesus.

- 5) Although Matthew leaves behind worldly treasures, he gains Christ. How do the things you've left behind to follow Jesus compare with the worth of knowing Christ? As you write out your answer, please give God a personal moment of praise for His worth and glory in your life.

- 6) Levi celebrates leaving the world for Christ with a feast filled with his friends (tax collectors and the unclean), Jesus, and the rest of the disciples. Looking at your own life, are there unbelievers in your life who need to be invited to your personal celebration of salvation in Jesus Christ? What could this look like in our lives today?

- 7) Jesus explains to the Pharisees that He has come to heal the sick, not the healthy. The truth is that everyone of us is sick and in need of saving, but the proud do not see it. Spend some time considering what you need to repent of, and ask God to forgive you. Then, celebrate your forgiveness. Share your story of your personal celebration of the gospel with your life group.