

Jesus Calls, Brings Joy and Makes Us New

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Big Idea:

Jesus does not wait for us to become worthy before calling us. He calls sinners like us to leave our old life behind, find our joy in Him, and follow Him with our whole life.

1. Jesus calls sinners to turn from sin and follow Him

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- Jesus calls Levi: “Follow me.”
- Levi leaves everything, gets up and follows Jesus.
- Levi’s joy overflows—he opens his home and introduces his friends to Jesus.
- Jesus came not for those who think they are righteous, but sinners who need forgiveness and repentance.
- Like Levi, we are called to respond to Jesus and help others meet Him.

2. Jesus brings the joy of relationship, not the burden of rule-keeping

Luke 5:33–35

- The Pharisees focus on fasting and outward religious behaviour.
- Jesus describes Himself as the groom—His presence is a reason for joy.
- Prayer, fasting, Bible reading, church and serving are good, but they do not earn God’s love.
- Christianity is not a religious scorecard. We obey because we belong to Jesus and love Him.

3. Jesus gives us a whole new life, not a repaired version of the old

Luke 5:36–39

- Jesus is not a patch to add to our existing life.
- New wine needs new wineskins.
- In Christ, “the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Don’t become so comfortable with the old that we resist the new life Jesus gives.

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