



How Did Jesus Do Outreach? 2. Invitations Luke 5:27-31



Overview

How Did Jesus Do Outreach is the question for our current series based on the Gospel of Luke. Last week we examined healings, and this week we are looking at invitations.



Getting to Know You

On Sunday Steve talked about his opinion of George Michael, and how it changed? Have you ever had an opinion of someone that has dramatically changed over time? (Either from good to bad, or from bad to good.) Why, what happened? Tell others the story.



Digging Deeper

Read Luke 5:27-31.

1. How do you think the disciples felt about going to Levi's house for a banquet?
2. Steve said that Jesus' target was not "those who think they are righteous" but "those who know they are sinners." Do you think that us as Christians mostly fall into the first category or the second? Are we mostly (self) righteous or people who know we're sinners?
3. Have you ever felt labelled in a particular way? What happened and what did it feel like? How can being labelled help us to reach out to those people "who know that they're sinners"?
4. How many friends do you have who are not Christians? Is the number of friends you have who aren't Christians something you are happy with or something you want to change? If you want to change it, how could you go about doing that?
5. What are some invitations you as individuals (and as a group) should be accepting or making? What kind of invitations would Jesus be accepting or making if he were in your position? How specifically, can you reach out to those "who know that they're sinners?"



Taking it Home

Have a chat about doing a "Matthew" party as a small group. (A "Matthew" party is a gathering where you deliberately invite your Christian and non-Christian friends to hang out together. Would it work? How could you set it up so it had the best chance of being something that (a) was fun, and (b) made an impact. Is this something you could consider doing together?



Prayer

Takes some time to thank God that he reached out to us while we were lost, broken and hopeless. Ask him to lead us individuals, as a group, and as a church to reach out to those in society who "know they are broken."