



am I condoning?



How does Christ treat sinners?

Principle one:

Christ _____ sinners to _____ him.
Luke 5:27-28

Application one:

Be _____ to _____ why you
follow Christ. cf. 1 Peter 3:15

Principle two:

Christ _____ sinners _____ they are.
Luke 5:29-30

Application two:

Be _____ to _____ with
unbelievers. cf. 1 Corinthians 9:19-22

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TAKE HOME TRUTH

Christ _____ sinners to
_____ from sin. Luke 5:31-32

To make an impact...

- A. _____ for their eyes to be opened.
- B. _____ them and their journey.
- C. _____ them by offering mercy.

Today's Core Belief:
Man & Sin: "I believe all people are loved
by God, and because of my sins, I need
Jesus Christ as my Savior." (from John 3:16)



Deeper Connection Study

Jesus is on the go again, this time calling a person to follow him. What transpires is an opportunity for Jesus to reach an unreached people group and to teach religious leaders what God's kingdom values are all about.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Forgiveness.

Read Luke 5:27-32 (par. Matt. 9:9-13; Mark 2:14-17)

1. Who is Levi and how does he respond to Jesus (vv. 27-29)? How does his decision impact others?
2. How do the Pharisees describe Levi and his friends (v. 30)? Why is there such derision? What issues are most likely driving the attitude of the Pharisees?
3. Why is it scandalous for Jesus to associate with such people? Do you think the same is true for Christians today? Why or why not?
4. How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees (vv. 31-32)? What does he indicate about his mission (cf. Mark 10:45)?
5. How should the Church minister to outcasts and the disenfranchised in a way Jesus modeled? What methods and means should be avoided?
6. In what ways do you interact with today's equivalent of Levi and his friends? How do you balance your desire to live in holiness while ministering to sinners?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for calling sinners to repentance and seeking to reconcile the broken. Ask God to help you grow in holiness while not isolating yourself from the needs of others who long for the love of Christ.



21st Century Jesus

Luke 5:27-32



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question often asked among Christians is “How do we love the sinner, while still hating the sin?”

Have you ever wondered why it is that people ask that question? It seems that behind that inquiry is a concern of possibly compromising the truth. If that is correct, it is a good concern to have. It would never be beneficial to compromise God's word and His truth. Yet if compromise is the concern behind that question it makes one wonder how “loving a sinner” would somehow compromise God's truth.

There were some folks in the 1st century that had the same concern. When they thought of having dinner and socializing with sinners it produced a tremendous amount of angst for them. Not only was there a concern that they might compromise God's word, there was also the concern that they would break one of the purification laws. The consequence of this breach would be a prohibition from worship. What would they do? What would you do?