

“Jesus loves sinners, do we?”

Series: Something Greater

Luke 5:27-32

1. Luke 5:27-29
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4. Luke 5:29-30
5. Matthew 9:10
6. **“If we think of holiness only or primarily as separation, we end up isolating ourselves from the people we hope to reach. Do you see how the Bible says our instinct is upside down? We cannot reach people with whom we have no contact. We cannot call people to repentance if we are never with them. We cannot reach sinners without going where sinners are. They are not likely to come where we are. They find our parties boring. That’s OK. We expect them to. They have tastes for this world while we have tastes for heaven. Those differing tastes are not easily joined together, so it creates a burden for us to cross a bridge to reach them without adopting their tastes.” – Thabiti Anyabwile**
7. Matthew 5:14-15
8. **“Isolation from sinners is not the call of the disciple. Association with outcasts is part of outreach. Jesus sees in the outcast an opportunity for God to show his grace. Engagement, willingness to associate with sinners, and offering them hope are the role of the one who follows Jesus. God’s invitation to experience his grace can be offered only to those who realize that they are sinners in need of God’s help.” Darrell Bock**
9. Luke 5:31-32