

Luke 5.27-32

Jesus said: "Follow me"

And leaving everything, Levi rose and followed Jesus.

And Levi made Jesus a great feast in his house, inviting tax collectors and others.

Jesus appeared in Levi's life as he was doing his job, it was a normal routine day. We don't know if Levi already knew who Jesus was, but he made a radical response to Jesus' invitation, and he opened his home so that people could come and eat with Jesus.

❖ What does it mean for me to follow Jesus?

❖ How am I making space for people around me to meet Jesus?

Isaiah 58.6-12

'If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

Within the scriptures "righteousness" is always tied to "justice". You can't be living right if you aren't taking part in 'the restoration of all things'. Faith cannot stay in the "temple". The mission of the kingdom involves three strands of salvation (healing).

❖ What is Evangelism?

❖ What is Social Action?

❖ What is Peace, Justice & Reconciliation?

Romans 12.9-21

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

The Apostle Paul sees living in Christian community as an essential act of Christian obedience, "this is true and proper worship". It isn't easy to love everyone in the Church, which is why he calls this "living sacrifice".

❖ What does it mean to belong to one another?

❖ How can I honour others above myself?

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**Getting ready for the
Church weekend away
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*Use these sermon notes to reflect
and pray over the next three
weeks about what it means to live
a balanced Christian life: **Up** to
God, **In** to ourselves and to the
church community, and **Out** to the
world around that God loves*