# Home Group Study 6: Luke 5:27-38: Repentance and Feasting with Jesus

**Intro:** How do you become a Christian?

**Recap:** Why is forgiveness only through Jesus?

**Listen**

Read Luke 5:27-32

1. What is Levi’s role?
2. What is Levi’s response?
3. How does Levi’s role help us see:
   1. The attitude of Pharisees towards sinners?
   2. Jesus’ attitude towards sinners?
4. Why, by implication, do the Pharisees think Jesus should separate himself from sinners (as they seem to)?
5. Who has Jesus come for?
6. Do the Pharisees think Jesus has come for them? Would they number themselves with the tax collectors and sinners? Would we?
7. How does that challenge our pre-conceptions of people who come to church with obviously messy lives?

Read Luke 5:33-38

1. What are the Pharisees proud of?
2. How do they try to catch Jesus out?
3. How would you put Jesus’ response into your own words?
4. What is he saying about
   1. The right context of fasting
   2. The Pharisees belief that their customs/old ways are ‘better?’

**Make it real**

1. How does this passage increase our certainty of what we believe about Jesus?
2. Who is the repentant in this passage?
3. How does the repentance of q2’s answer bear fruit in this passage?
4. How is Levi like the paralytic from last time?
5. How does this passage challenge our views of people we designate ‘sinners’?
6. What do Jesus words have to say to us during Lent? Is it actually appropriate to fast?
7. In what ways do you need reminding you need the Good Physician?

**Prayer ideas**

* Give thanks that your sins are freely forgiven through Jesus
* Acknowledge your sickness, pray for a repentance like Levi’s!
* Pray for Jesus’ attitude towards people we look down on
* Pray for fruit in keeping with repentance

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