

Living Water Fellowship

Worship with Holy Communion

1st Sunday in Lent – 6th March 2022

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE (REND COLLECTIVE)

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

SONGS: Only a Holy God
The Potter's Hand

BIBLE READING: Luke 5:27-32

²⁷ Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. ²⁸ So Levi got up, left everything, and began following him. ²⁹ Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honour. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and other such sinners?"

³¹ Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. ³² I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

CHILDREN'S TIME:

FAITH CHAT:

1. What's the minimum standard requirement for following (being a disciple or apprentice) to Jesus? (based on what you just heard in the Gospel)
2. Why is that so important? What does that say about you?

THE MESSAGE: RSVP: INVITATION TO JOURNEY

OFFERING SONG: Jesus Strong and Kind

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: SING TO JESUS (ROBBIE SEAY BAND)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

(Name), † child of God, Christ calls you his friend!

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Shout to the Lord

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 5:27-32. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself? What do you find to be most important in the text? Why?
2. What do you notice about Jesus' choice of friends, followers & acquaintances? Are you friendly with people like that? Why or why not? Where would you go to start building those kinds of friendships? Who would you ask to come with you?
3. When Jesus calls Levi (Matthew), who do you think was most surprised? Why? What was Levi's immediate response? Then what...? Why do you think Levi does that?
4. Have you ever done anything like that...invited people from your "sinner's circle" to share in the fellowship you enjoy with Jesus? If you have, what happened? If you haven't, why not? What do you think would happen? [Note...this is a *party* **NOT** a *prayer meeting*.]
5. Read 1 Tim 1:15. How does Paul define Jesus' mission? Compare that to Luke 19:10. Since Paul is correct, use that understanding to explain the "guest list" for the party Levi throws. Levi understood immediately what being a follower of Jesus means. Describe what Levi knows & share specifically how you are engaged like he was.
6. Read Luke 5:30 & 7:29-35. What was the accusation that people made about Jesus? What objection did the Pharisees have to do what Jesus was doing? What reason do you think the Pharisees had for asking this question? Have you ever found yourself in the Pharisees' shoes? What's that like?
7. "People will be more willing to respond to the gospel if they have a sense of belonging before they feel the necessity to believe." Discuss that statement reflecting on the response of Levi, his friends at his party, & the antagonism of the Pharisees?
8. What kind of an attitude did the religious people of that day have toward sinners (Lk 7:36-39)? How is this contrary to the heart of the Father? How do you know that? What specific Scripture leads you to know God differently from that?
9. Jesus came to reconcile you to the loving Father who wants you to know him & to walk with him daily. How full-heartedly are you responding to that invitation? With whom can you share that invitation or at least your response to it?