

## **Feb 18 – Luke 5:27-39 – Small Groups**

### **Read Luke 5:27-39**

1. Jesus calling Levi as His disciple would have likely been problematic for Jesus' initial band of followers, having now a tax collector among their ranks. What are presently some "associations" in the global Church that we as Christians find "problematic", at least according to our polarised sensibilities?
2. In the context of Levi's dinner party with Jesus partying with "sinners" (using the Pharisees' nomenclature), how does Jesus' hanging out with "sinners" bring healing as a doctor goes to visit the sick?
3. Jesus claims to be the Bridegroom of a wedding feast, borrowing from Old Testament prophetic and eschatological (i.e. end times) imagery. What are the implications of this as they relate to the missional mandate of Christians in this world?
4. In response to the Pharisees' disdain towards His novel approach to Jewish covenant piety, Jesus told the parable of the old and new garment and the old and new wine and wineskins, essential accoutrements in a wedding feast. What does this parable teach about ancient Judaism vs. Christianity?