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An Invitation to a Changed Life (Luke 5:27-39)

Warmup: A famous person is coming to eat dinner with you, what would you do to prepare?

READ Luke 5:27-29

- Who is Levi, otherwise known as Matthew? How would the disciples react to Jesus choosing Levi as a disciple?
- Who is gathered around Levi's dinner table? What conversations would occur at this table of society's misfits?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

REFLECT

- Why are the Pharisees disgruntled? Describe the mindset that keeps the Pharisees from understanding Jesus' behavior and untraditional practices.
- How do you react to change? Do you enjoy implementing new approaches and strategies? Why or why not? Discuss Jesus' practice of eating with outsiders.
- How does what Jesus is teaching you in these verses line up with your life?

RESPOND

- What is the point of the wineskin parable? What people represent the new wineskins in the passage of Luke 5:27-39? How is the Spirit leading in preparations for **you** to be a vessel that holds new wine? (Discuss the answer to the last question with the person next to you – pair share).
- In groups of 3, name two action steps to ready yourself to follow Jesus by sharing a table, a meal, with outsiders. How will inviting new people to your table, change you, and transform your life to emulate the life of Jesus?
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week? Be as specific as possible:

“To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ.”