

## QUESTIONS TO THINK THIS WEEK,

1. Why do you think Jesus called Levi Matthew to be His disciple?
2. Many unbelievers see Christians as judgmental and critical. What can we do to make the good news of Jesus' extraordinary acceptance real for all?
3. In the Luke 18 parable, why did the tax collector go home "justified" before God?
4. Why was the Pharisee not made right with God? (See Luke 18:9)
5. Have you experienced the extraordinary acceptance of Jesus?



## REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK,

ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
[www.orlandocentral.org/announcements](http://www.orlandocentral.org/announcements)

ONLINE MEETINGS \*,  
**Tuesday, 7pm**, Women in the Bible with Coloring  
**Wednesday, 7:30pm**, Prayer in the Psalms

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## EXTRAORDINARY ACCEPTANCE

*"After this, **Jesus went out and saw a tax collector** by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and **Levi got up, left everything and followed him.**"*  
*Luke 5:27,28*

Do you remember a situation you were rejected?  
How does rejection feel like?

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### 1. Learning with this meeting...

1.1 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Levi where he is. *Luke 5:27a*

*"Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth."* *Luke 5:27a*

1.2 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Levi to follow Him. *Luke 5:27b*

*"Follow me," Jesus said to him.* *Luke 5:27b*

1.3 Levi follows Jesus without \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 5:28*

*"...and Levi got up, left everything and followed him."* *Luke 5:28*

## 2. INVITATIONS

2.1 Levi \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus into his house. Luke 5:29a

"Then Levi held a **great banquet for Jesus** at his house..." Luke 5:29a

2.2 Levi invites all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into Jesus' banquet, Luke 5:29b

"...and a large crowd of **tax collectors** and **others** were eating with them." Luke 5:29b

2.3 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ with tax collectors and sinners, Luke 5:30

"But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, 'Why do you **eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?**'" Luke 5:30

2.4 Jesus gives to every sinner his extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ and reveals His plan, Luke 5:31,32; Matthew 21:31

"Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**'" Luke 5:31,32

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the **tax collectors** and **the prostitutes** are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.'" Matthew 21:31

## 3. ABOUT GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY ACCEPTANCE

1st. GOD ACCEPTS YOU \_\_\_\_\_, Romans 8:38,39

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor **anything else in all creation**, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38,39

2nd. WE ARE CHANGED, BUT OUR \_\_\_\_\_ ARE NOT, Luke 18:13,14

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and **those who humble themselves will be exalted.**'" Luke 18:13,14

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME TO JESUS WITH A GREAT RESUMÉ.**

**ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO BRING YOUR HEART!**