Date: March 23rd & 24th, 2019
Series: Luke - Encountering Jesus
Title: The Chosen, The Sinner, The Sick, and Jesus.
Primary Passage: Luke 5:27-32
Secondary Passage: Micah 6:8, Hosea 6:6
Big Question: How does Jesus choose His followers?
Big Idea: Jesus knows those who He chooses, and without disqualifying them, leads them in relationship towards dramatic personal change.
Keywords: Tax Collectors, Sinners, Hospitality, Celebration, Sick, Doctor, Self-righteous, Repentance.

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LIFE Application Questions:

How did God rescue you this week?

Read Luke 5:27-32. What stands out to you from this passage or from the weekend's message? What is so dramatic about Jesus choosing Levi? How is Levi's response to Christ's an example for us?

Why are hospitality and generosity things God uses to save people? How are they examples of lives changed by Jesus?

What kind of "sick" person are you (see reverse)?s

When was a time you experienced God's healing? How have you experienced Christ's healing through repentance?

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27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." 28 And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

Jesus chooses people. It is amazing who Jesus chooses.

- He KNOWS those who He chooses.
- He doesn't DISQUALIFY them because of their past failures or future success.
- His call is SIMPLE.

Levi Responds:

- Immediately
- Completely
- Happily
- Generously
- Missionally

It never occurred to the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law that their lack of concern for sinners and their cavalier mercilessness had distanced them from God. These experts had the Scriptures, but they had failed to truly read them.

- ***For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. - Hosea 6:6***
- ***He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8***

"Those who are well have no need of a physician."
Three types of sick people:

- People who are sick and want to get better
- People who are sick but don't want to believe that they are sick.
- People who are sick but don't want to get better.

How does repentance heal?

- It INVITES the HOLY presence of God
- It NEEDS the truth of God's word personally.
- It TARGETS our feelings of guilt, insecurity, jealousy, or pride
- It heals relationships and creates COMMUNITY.