

Shady People

Brother Tucson Redd | Luke 5:27-32

Jesus called Levi, a tax collector others despised, to follow Him. Then He sat at Levi's table with tax collectors and sinners. Brother Redd used this account to challenge us to reach people with humility, share the good news, and trust Jesus to transform lives.

01 Answer the invitation to follow Jesus.

Levi received an invitation he might never have expected: follow Jesus. He left everything and followed Him. Brother Redd emphasized that a person's past does not put them beyond Christ's invitation or His power to change their life. Luke 5:27-28

02 Make room for people who need Him.

At Levi's banquet, Jesus did not keep His distance from people known for their sin. He ate with them. When religious leaders objected, Jesus explained that the sick need a doctor and that He came to call sinners to repentance. Luke 5:29-32

03 Trade self-righteousness for humble outreach.

Brother Redd warned against treating others as beneath us or unworthy of the gospel. His golfing illustration showed how ordinary kindness and time together can open a teaching opportunity. The goal is to share Jesus, not to drive people away.

04 Let a changed life point others to Christ.

Brother Redd identified Levi as Matthew and highlighted the transformation Jesus could bring. He urged us to follow Christ and show friends and family a better way of life. His invitation called Christians to return and others to hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized.

A sermon recap, with practical reflections on page two. Read the passage in your Bible and consider the message for yourself.

Carry the message into your week.

Reflection prompts based on Sunday's message

SCRIPTURE TO REVISIT / LUKE 5:31-32

Jesus explains that the sick need a physician and that He came to call sinners to repentance. Read these verses alongside Levi's invitation and banquet in Luke 5:27-30.

MONDAY**Receive the invitation.**

Read Luke 5:27-28. Does something in your past make you hesitate to follow Christ? Bring that concern to God and consider your next obedient step.

TUESDAY**Notice whom you avoid.**

Read Luke 5:29-30. Whom have you kept at a distance because of reputation or different beliefs? Examine your attitude with humility.

WEDNESDAY**Remember your own need.**

Read Luke 5:31-32. How does recognizing your need for Christ change the way you see someone else's need?

THURSDAY**Make time for a conversation.**

Reflect on Brother Redd's golfing illustration. Listen to a neighbor or co-worker with kindness. Look for an opportunity to share your faith naturally.

FRIDAY**Let your life tell the story.**

Consider his call to show friends and family a better way of life. What change in your conduct would help them see Christ at work in you?

SATURDAY**Prepare to reach out.**

Read Luke 5:27-32 again. Pray for someone you could encourage or invite to a Bible study. Choose one practical step for the coming week.

MY NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

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