



May 10, 2026

THEME:

Luke – Jesus Calls Levi

LIFE APPLICATION:

God has a call for you.

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 5:27–32

MEMORY VERSE:

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8:28**

READ AND DISCUSS LUKE 5:27–32

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. 29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. 30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” 31 And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

1. Read the first sentence in **verse 27**. What did Luke mean when he wrote “After this?” What happened in last week’s message? (A paralyzed man’s friends wanted him to be healed by Jesus, so much so that they lowered him down to Jesus through a roof! Jesus forgave the man because of his friends’ great faith. Then, he healed the man’s body.)
2. Jesus performed a miracle and healed the man. We have seen miracles of healing and provision in our church. Why are miracles important? (Miracles point people to faith in Jesus.)
3. Who did Jesus go to see after he healed the man? (He went to see a tax collector named Levi.)
4. How did people of the day feel about tax collectors? (Tax collectors collected tax money from the people, but they were known to charge extra and keep more than their share of the tax money they collected. Tax collectors were hated by the people, they were outcasts and shunned.)
5. What did Jesus say to Levi the tax collector? (“Follow me.”) And, what did Levi do? (He left everything and followed Jesus.) Do you remember anyone else who was called by Jesus to follow him? (In **verses 1-11** Jesus was calling Peter, James and John — he said to them, “Follow me and I’ll make you fishers of men.”) And, what did they do? (They immediately left everything and followed Jesus!)
6. In **verses 29-32**, Levi (later called Matthew) made a great feast for Jesus in his home. He threw a party! Why do you think Matthew invited all of his friends to meet Jesus? (Discuss. Matthew had been called by Jesus and he wanted them to know Jesus too.)
7. Why were the Pharisees and scribes angry with Jesus this time? (**Verses 29-30**. Levi had a large collection of tax collectors and others dining there as well, and Jesus was dining and interacting with them. The Pharisees probably saw them as sinners and people Jesus should stay away from!)
8. How did Jesus respond to them? (**Verses 31-32** — “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”) What does this mean to you? (Discuss.)
9. Jesus knew what God had called him and sent him to do. He was sent to bring sinners to forgiveness of their sins. God has a calling for each one of us, too. Jesus chose Levi (Matthew), a tax collector who was hated by the Jewish people, because he saw something special in him, just as each one of us has special gifts and talents that God can use to help others know about him. Did you know that Matthew wrote the first gospel, the first book of the New Testament? And, because of his organizational skills, he was able to organize the telling of the days of the life of Jesus in such a way that many verses of the Old Testament were included to give verification that Jesus was the Christ. Jesus called Matthew, and he calls each of us to serve him in a special way in this world, too. **How can we know what Jesus has called us to do for him?**

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Matthew had great organizational skills, and he wrote the first gospel. Help your family see the special way God has wired each of them to serve him in the world and help others to know Jesus.

Give each person a large index card. Have them write their name on the card and pass it to the next person. Each family member will write the things they see that are characteristics, talents, or gifts that person has that can be used by God in this world to help others know Jesus. Keep passing the cards until everyone has the card with their own name. Have them read what others have said about them, then add anything they know about themselves that should be included.

Parents, as your children grow, their gifts and talents will be revealed more and more. Watch their interests and the way they are “bent” and help them to grow in these areas so that they can use what God has given them to be a light in the world. Look at the Fruit of the Spirit as described in **Galatians 5:22–23**. How can we show these “fruits” as well as the ways we are gifted in our relationships with others?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank you for seeing something special in each of us. We know that you have called us to serve you in this world. Help us to find the ways you have gifted us to show your love to others and help them turn to you for forgiveness and healing. We love you. Amen.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR, DAVID CHADWICK:

Dear friends:

I sense deep within my soul, Jesus is getting ready to do something very special at MOHC.

I think it's beyond anything we could ever imagine or think! I would love for all of you to be a part of it! There are so many sick people in the world who are dying and going to hell. Jesus can help them. We have the cure! It's called the gospel! We are Jesus's physicians on earth now.

1. If you know you are sick (We are all sinners)
2. Here is Jesus's healing grace (He gave his life for you)
3. Now go throw a party for all your lost friends! (Bring others into the kingdom)
4. And be a light to all the nations (Take the light of Jesus to all people, everywhere)
5. And let's make the main thing the main thing: Populating heaven!

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” **Ephesians 3:20–21**