

1.   If someone you admired or a famous person you wanted to meet called you and invited you out to dinner tomorrow, what would you do to get ready to meet them?

2.  Is there anyone in your neighbourhood that you would feel uncomfortable spending time with? Why?

***Read Luke 5:27-32***

3.  Tax collectors had a reputation for being dishonest in that they lined their pockets with the money collected from a wide variety of taxes. How do you think Simon Peter and his friends would have felt about Jesus’ invitation to Levi to become one of His followers?

4.  How do you think Simon Peter and the others who were already following Jesus might have felt about the Pharisees complaint (v.30)? Why do you think Jesus chose Levi? How did Jesus see Levi differently than the others? What did Levi have to do to qualify as one of Jesus’ disciples?

5.  What is the irony of Jesus’s words to the Pharisees in v.31-32?

6.  How do you relate to “undesirable” types in your neighbourhood (or work, or school, etc.)? Are you more like Levi (inviting them into your home), like the Pharisees (looking down on them), or like the disciples (unsure of what to do)?

7.  Discuss how the 24-hour media cycle impacts your worldview, particularly in how you view others in society and in your neighbourhood? What fears can be generated by a steady diet of news?

8.  What’s the worst-case scenario if you reached out to build relationships with your neighbours? Does knowing them increase the likelihood of your worst-case scenario?

9.  Who do you think is scared of you? Why?

10. What do you think are the main reasons people are often afraid of their neighbours? Do you have any fears or concerns about the people in your neighbourhood? How would it be different if you knew them and their story?

11. Complete the Block Map “Who is My Neighbour?” if you haven’t yet. Identify one neighbour you feel led to pray for this week. Note one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next week, i.e. learn a neighbour’s name, invite a neighbour over for dinner, plan a block party, etc.

**THINK ON IT...**