

“Be Careful With Whom You Hang”

Do you consider the people you hang out with better, worse, or the same as yourself?

Read Luke 5:27-39.

1. Why did Jesus call the tax collector Levi to be His disciple?
 - A. Anyone willing to follow Jesus could become a disciple.
 - B. Jesus wanted the financial support Levi could give.
 - C. To save Levi from his current life.
 - D. Jesus needed more disciples.
 - E. Levi is the same name as the priestly tribe of Levi.
 - F. Jesus invited a lot of social undesirables to be His disciples.
 - G. To upset the religious leaders.
 - H. Jesus saw something in Levi others didn't see.
 - I. Other.

2. What prompted tax collector Levi to host a banquet for Jesus?
 - A. He wanted to show off his wealth.
 - B. He wanted to show his gratitude.
 - C. He wanted to introduce his tax collecting friends to Jesus.
 - D. Christ's disciples needed a decent meal.
 - E. He wanted to be sure Jesus would forgive his sins.
 - F. Tax collectors like to party.
 - G. Celebration because of Christ's invitation to him.
 - H. His tax collector friends wanted to see if Jesus would accept them.
 - I. Other.

3. Why did the Pharisees complain bitterly to Christ's disciples?
 - A. That's the way they always complained—bitterly.
 - B. The Pharisees hadn't been invited to the banquet.
 - C. Instead of talking directly to Jesus, they pressured His disciples.
 - D. By beholding, you become changed; don't become like tax collectors.
 - E. Pharisees tried to purify people; the banquet certainly wasn't helping.
 - F. With so many bad people in one place, nothing good could happen.
 - G. Instead of correcting the tax collectors, Jesus celebrated with them.
 - H. To them, fasting two days a week was more spiritual than feasting.
 - I. Other.

4. Why did Jesus spend so much time with people considered to be socially undesirable?
- A. He didn't. This was an exception.
 - B. They needed him.
 - C. The Gospel was indeed "Good News" to them.
 - D. Jesus felt drawn to lepers, demoniacs, tax collectors, etc.
 - E. Religious people didn't want what Jesus offered.
 - F. The socially undesirable people flocked to Jesus.
 - G. Compared to Jesus, everyone fits the label of socially undesirable.
 - H. Other.

5. Prioritize (1-9) these activities in your life.

_____	Feasting.
_____	Fasting.
_____	Praying.
_____	Reading Scripture.
_____	Serving others.
_____	Hanging with sinners.
_____	Hanging with the righteous.
_____	Hanging with Jesus.
_____	Other: _____

6. What did Jesus mean about old and new cloth and wine skins?

- A. The old and new don't work together.
- B. Out with the old; in with the new.
- C. The new gets destroyed if you mix it with the old.
- D. Traditions are hard to change.
- E. Christ's kingdom called for a complete makeover, not a patch up.
- F. Those who are satisfied maintain the status quo.
- G. You can't take Jesus piecemeal—it's all or nothing.
- H. Other.

7. Do you spend more time feasting or fasting? Why?

8. How did Jesus not become tainted by the social stigma of those He hung around with? Or did He? How would that social strategy work for you?