

Reflective question: In your own life with Jesus, in what ways can you praise God for your own "I was one way and now I am completely different, and the thing that happened in between was Him"?

Reflective practice: Begin the prayer examen practice where you consciously ask God to remind you of the ways in which you sinned that day (thought, word, deed... confess those sins before God...and then (EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!) thank God that He is faithful and just to forgive you and purify you from all unrighteousness, maybe even quote back to God 1 John 1:9.

Readings and questions for this week.

Luke 5:1-11

(1) What do you think Simon was thinking about Jesus' understanding of his (Simon's) vocation of professional fisherman?

(2) Do you believe that Jesus understands the nature of your vocation? Is that important to you? In what ways would allow Jesus to speak into how you go about your vocation?

Luke 5:12-26

(1) What do you find remarkable (paradoxical) of Jesus' treatment of the man stricken with leprosy?

(2) What drove/inspired the friends of the paralyzed man to get their friend in front of Jesus?

(3) Do you have the depth of faith to seek Jesus in order to heal our difficulties or to bring our friends before Him for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual)?

Luke 5:27-31

(1) Why is it so surprising that Jesus chose Levi (Matthew) as a disciple?

(2) Do you find it disturbing (paradoxical) that Jesus would go to Levi's party, especially considering the guests were "sinners and tax collectors"?

(3) Do you see yourself as sick or healthy? What happens to you when you consider yourself one or the other? Do you live a life manifesting a constant need for Jesus?

Luke 5:33-39

(1) According to Jesus, would His disciples fast at some point? When?

(2) Do you fast? If so, when? If not, why not?
Explained may prove to be well founded or true