

# Truth or Dare, part 3

## Natural Evangelism

### Luke 5:27-32 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup> and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. <sup>29</sup> Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

### See people

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, (Luke 5:27)

1. When Jesus sees Levi what do you think he is really seeing?
2. How can we make sure that we really see people?

### Send invitations

*and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.* (Luke 5:28)

3. What kind of invitation has Jesus offered Levi and what makes it so powerful that he would leave everything?
4. What are you saying to people when you invite them to something?
5. "Never underestimate the power of invitation because invitation is love in action. In giving someone an invitation we are saying I want you and I need you and that is a very powerful message. Isn't it the essence of love? I want you and I need you."
6. How can you be an invitational follower of Christ?

### Share truth

*Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.* (Luke 5:29)

7. "Levi is connecting the dots of his life bringing together his old work mates with Jesus in a meal. This is natural evangelism, connecting the dots of our life in authentic relationships." – Discuss. How can we take a leaf out of Levi's book?

### Scrap Judgements

*But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"* (Luke 5:30)

8. What kind of judgement is the Pharisees making about tax collectors and sinners?
9. Is this the kind of judgement Luke is advocating for followers of Christ?
10. What should be our attitude?

### Seek growth

*Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."* (Luke 5:31-32)

1. What do doctors hope for their patients?
2. In what way is Jesus like a doctor?
3. What should we be hoping Jesus will accomplish in people's lives?