



WHO'S IN WHO'S OUT

LUKE 5:1-6:16

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Some helpful background to Luke 5:1-6:16

Hello friends, I hope that you are well. I have called these studies—**Who's in and Who's out?**, because in this section Jesus is telling us who God's people really are. What Jesus says is greatly different to what we might think or what the world might think. God's people are not the good middle class people, in fact God's people, are the ones who recognize who Jesus is and recognize themselves as sinners. There are a number of verses that might be the key verse/s for this section but I have chosen, Luke 5:31-32.

³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

As Jesus responds to the Pharisees, he tells them who he has come for, and he's basically saying he has come for the sick, he's come for sinners. Now the Pharisees might be put off by this, but what he's saying is even more offensive than what might first appear. Jesus is being a little tongue and cheek here because you know what? Every single human is sick with sin, and every single person needs to recognise who Jesus is and who they are, to be saved.

It's my hope that as we dig into this section. We find it really affirming, we are a part of God's people. From time to time, I feel like I don't belong, I guess we all carry baggage. I'm not sure if you feel the same? But I think all of us long to belong and Jesus says a number of times in this section that we do belong if get who he is and who we are. I hope that as we look at Jesus' words you are reaffirmed in your faith. You do belong in God's people. However, if these studies don't affirm your faith, please have a chat with your leader or me. There might be some important stuff for you to think through.

This term we are again going to use a modified version of the Swedish Method. We won't always use this method, in fact the only other time we might use this method this year, is in term 3 when we look at the first chunk of 1 Corinthians. Below I have listed some pro's and cons to be aware of with this method.

Pros

- It feels like a natural way to study the text.
- It encourages group involvement.
- People often have a better understanding of how the passage fits together, than a traditional study.
- There is a real excitement about digging into

Cons

- I think if people are new to Christianity, it can be a little overwhelming as different people share their knowledge.
- It's open to people pushing their hobby horses rather than letting the text actually speak.
- It can feel a bit same same by study number 5.

I will be praying that you really delight in God's word as you open it up with your group. Don't forget that your group is a gift from God. Even though everyone may not be your bestie, love them well.

If you want to ask me any questions about the passages please get in touch, simon@willows.org.au

Kickoff: What do you think are the key marks of a Christian?

Read Luke 5:1-11 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,¹ the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Hey everyone (it's Kevin here) I think this will work best if we do something similar to term 4 2021. Your leader might do some slight modifications but below is the general flow: 1. Give everyone 5 minutes to re-read the passage in their own head and to answer the questions; 2. Then go around the group and everyone can either share something that stood out to them or a question from the passage that they have; and 3. For the remaining questions just see who wants to engage.

The general feedback I had from studying the Bible this way last year, was really positive. But I guess it only really works if we are all prepared to engage.

1. What stood out to you as you read the passage?
2. What questions does the passage raise for you?
3. What do you think is the key verse/s in the passage? Be prepared to explain your answer.
4. What does Jesus reveal in this section about who's in and who's out?
5. How does this passage apply to you?

Pray for one thing from the passage and one thing from life in general.

2

Jesus is willing to clean us

Kickoff: Do you think Jesus is willing to wash you clean from all the terrible things you have done? Explain your answer.

Read Luke 5:12-16 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

¹² While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. ¹ When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." ¹³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ¹⁵ Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. ¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

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Jesus has authority to forgive

Kickoff: Do you think Jesus really can forgive us? Explain your answer.

Read Luke 5:17-26 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. ²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." ²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

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Jesus will eat with anyone

Kickoff: Who do you eat with, generally speaking?

Read Luke 5:27-32 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

²⁷ 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, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ 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?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

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Kickoff: Do you think you can follow Jesus and other things?

Read Luke 5:33-39 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

³³ They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? ³⁵ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast." ³⁶ He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸ No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.'"

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Jesus is the authority

Kickoff: In what areas of your life might you be listening to human authority (or wisdom) rather than Jesus' authority?

Read Luke 6:1-11 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels.² Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"³ Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?⁴ He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."⁶ On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled.⁷ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath.⁸ But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there.⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"¹⁰ He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored.¹¹ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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Kickoff: Have a look back over the studies by yourself or with one or two others. What has stood out to you over the series?

Read Luke 6:12-16 (please feel free to scribble on, underline or highlight the text)

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Note: Matthew is most likely another name for the Levi the Tax Collector.

1. What sticks out to you?
2. What questions do you have?
3. How does the people Jesus' choses to be his apostles, affirm everything he has been saying?
4. Do you feel like you belong to God's people? Explain your answer.
5. Pray together.

