


**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**


**Levi – the defector who received redemption (Luke 5:27-32)**




1. Working for the enemy (v.27a)

A photograph of two chess pieces on a chessboard. On the left is a black knight piece, and on the right is a white knight piece. They are facing each other on a dark square of the board.

2. Leaving everything for Jesus (v.27b-29)

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person walking on a dirt path. The person is wearing dark shoes and light-colored pants. The path is surrounded by dry, brownish vegetation.

3. Receiving healing from the Doctor (v.30-32)

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a stethoscope. The hand is wearing a white glove. The stethoscope has a blue tube and a silver chest piece.

## Questions for study and reflection this week

### **1. Working for the enemy (v.27a)**

How does it feel when someone turns their back on you? Or have you suffered the guilt of letting others down through your own selfish decisions?

What was the impact of Levi's defection, both on his fellow Jew and himself?

Before coming to faith in Jesus, in what ways were/are we enemies of God (see Colossians 1:21)? What sorts of things do we 'join' ourselves to?

### **2. Leaving everything for Jesus (v.27b-29)**

When some people 'immediately' followed Jesus in the Gospels, what were these responses based on?

What would you say is important to be sure about Jesus in order to follow him? What about all those things about Jesus that you don't yet understand?

What did Levi leave behind in following Jesus? Why was he so happy?

What do you think it means for us to 'leave everything' to follow Jesus?  
What have you left behind and what are you still clinging on to?

### **3. Receiving healing from the Doctor (v.30-32)**

Why were the Pharisees so upset with Jesus for eating at Levi's house?

Are there any people that you think Jesus shouldn't be interested in?

What was Jesus' point in v.31-32? Who is sick and needs a doctor?

Spend some time praising Jesus for his grace to us, and also praying for unsaved family and friends.