The Doctor Will See You Now

Luke 5:27-32 | April 26, 2026 | Richard Wallace

Read Luke 5:27-32 aloud together

1. What is surprising about the call of Levi? What details does Luke include about the moment Jesus calls Levi? Why is it surprising for the Pharisees? Why is it surprising for Levi?
2. Look at verse 28. Levi left everything. Why does Luke include that detail and why is it significant?
3. Levi's immediate response is to throw a banquet. What does that tell you about what Jesus' invitation meant to him? Who does he want at the table? Why did he invite these people?
4. The Pharisees' complaint in verse 30 is about eating and drinking together. Why is that such a significant concern? What are they really saying about what Jesus is doing? Is anything in the Pharisees concerns relatable to you?
5. Jesus responds with the image of a doctor in verses 31-32. What does that image assume about the people in the room, and how does it reframe the Pharisees' worry about contamination?
6. The sermon suggested the Pharisees operated with a "salvation of segregation" and Jesus with a "salvation of association." Where do you see that contrast in the passage itself?
7. The Pharisees were not careless people. They were devoted and serious about God. What is it about their self-understanding that meant Jesus' answer couldn't reach them? How can this be a challenge for us too?
8. Jesus says his mission is to call sinners to repentance. Look at how he actually does that with Levi and his friends. What does repentance look like here? Why couldn't the Pharisees recognize this as repentance? In light of this passage how would you describe what repentance is?
9. The sermon described two communities: one built around shared achievement, one around shared need. How do communities of achievement lead to segregation? How to communities of shared need lead to joy?
10. The people inside the banquet knew exactly what everyone else in the room was carrying. Nobody had to pretend. Is that true of how you experience this community? What makes it hard to be genuinely known as part of our church community rather than just welcomed?
11. Think about the kinds of mess or struggle that tend to find a home easily in a community like ours, and the kinds that don't. What does that pattern reveal, and what might it cost us to change it?
12. The sermon asked: do you want to be seen as sick? What makes that hard to say yes to? Can you explain the benefits of being in a community where are need is

openly shared? What might be some practical steps we can take to develop that more in our community?

13. The sermon also asked: do you want to see others who are sick? What makes that hard to say yes to? What might be some practical steps to develop this in our community too?
14. How does relating to Jesus as your doctor set the shape of your Christian life? What are you taking away from this discussion of the kingdom of God as like a hospital?
15. Levi didn't clean himself up before coming to Jesus. He came, and that's what changed him. Where in your life are you waiting to be more sorted before drawing closer to Jesus or to others here? Where do you need to accept his invite to come to him first?