

KING FOR ALL #10

Luke's Gospel

Conflict

Luke 5:27-6:16



A. SERMON POINTS

1. Jesus calls sinners (5:27-32)
2. Jesus brings a new relationship with God (5:33-39)
3. Jesus restores and gives rest (6:1-11)
4. Jesus is calling a new people to himself (6:12-16)

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

What are the causes of most of the conflict in your life at the moment?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

Jesus provoked a reaction wherever he went. In today's passage, we see Jesus' conflict with the religious establishment growing as he continues on his mission.

1. These verses record four encounters with the scribes and Pharisees. What was the grounds of their growing opposition to Jesus?
2. What were the truths and principles that (as his answers reveal) determined Jesus' words and actions?
3. What is remarkable about the apostles? (6:14-16) Why did Jesus choose 12 (not 11 or 13) apostles? Cf. Luke 22:28-30

Notes

6:1. This was allowed on other days (cf. Deuteronomy 23:25), but was regarded by the scribes as work, and therefore prohibited on the Sabbath.

6:13. Just as the 12 tribes of Israel formed the foundation of the Old Testament people of God, so the 12 apostles would form the foundation of the new people of God. A people for God made up of the unlikeliest of people from every tribe and nation.

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

1. Might you be in danger of thinking of yourself as spiritually health, rather than spiritually ill and in need of Jesus?
2. What will it mean for you to leave your old life behind and follow Jesus, as Levi did? (5:28)
3. What was Levi's first action after following Jesus? (v29) Why do you think he did this? What can we learn?
4. How does Jesus show us in this passage that Religion cannot save people?
5. Jesus spent the night in prayer before a big decision. How might we improve our prayer life? What habits do we need to adopt or get rid of?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

As we approach the General Election, pray that God would give voters great wisdom, raise up leaders of integrity and grant many more people in our country the repentance that leads to life.

Pray for each other and about the sources of conflict in our lives.

Pray together:

Almighty God who rules over the nations of the world, we commend to Your merciful care the people of this land, that being guided by Your providence, we may dwell secure in Your peace. Grant to our President and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your Will. Fill them with the love of truth, justice and righteousness, that they may serve Your people faithfully to Your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.