

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#13 – “The Physician Selects a Disciple and Teaches with Parables”

– Luke 5:27-39

I. Introduction

A. When we have an ailment, we want a doctor – a good one!

1. Galardi’s recent experience

B. Jesus’ selection of the twelve

1. Luke features the call of Matthew

a. A notorious tax collector.

C. The Text: Luke 5:27-35

II. Exposition

A. Luke 5:27-28

1. Levi is Matthew

a. Size of Capernaum

b. Tax collectors were thieving sinners.

1. Facts about them.

2. Why they were hated by the Jews.

a. They c_____ with Rome

b. They were r_____.

c. They were u_____.

c. If tax collectors can be saved, then God is able to save anyone.

2. He rose up and followed Jesus.

a. The Greek indicates continuous action.

B. Luke 5:29-32

1. The newly converted became evangelistic.

2. The Pharisees Complaint #1

a. Jesus eating with the wrong crowd.

1. Eating a meal indicates fellowship.

b. Sinners included –

3. Jesus responded with an illustration from the medical field.

a. He came to save people who really needed healing.

b. In opposite of the Pharisees, Jesus taught association rather than isolation.

c. People must acknowledge sickness for the humble.

d. None righteous – Romans 3:10-12; Luke 15:7

C. Luke 5:33-35

1. Complaint #2

a. The disciples did not fast – a Jewish sign of piety along with p_____ and a_____ g_____.

1. Twice a week requirement.

2. Commanded in Scripture only for the Day of

A_____ -- Lev. 16: 29, 31

2. Jesus’ responds with the bridegroom analogy.

a. An earthly Rabbi would not have given this response.

1. Zechariah 13:7

D. Luke 5:36-39

1. First parable in Luke – actually three that all relate to a wedding.

2. Patching material – Taking a portion of Jesus teaching but not the whole.

3. New wine requires new wine skins. New teaching cannot be contained in the religion of the Pharisees.

4. The old is good enough. There is a shift from the previous parable. Some people will not ever try the new. The new came with exuberant joy. – Psalm 4:7; John 2:9-10

III. Points for Reflection

A. No one is beyond the power of God’s calling to salvation.

B. Initial salvation brings opportunity for evangelism, but for the older believer, there is still time to have a feast in order to invite people to Christ.

C. Always acknowledge your sickness on the one hand and your health in Christ on the other.

D. We cannot patch Jesus onto any part of our old life.