

Unexpected & Unparalleled

PASTOR JONATHAN WILEY • LUKE 5:27-39

UP CLOSE
& PERSONAL
The Gospel of Luke



WARM UP

Do you have any phobias? What is one of them?

COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracelamp.org/calendar)

Red Eye: Grace Students High School All Nighter Friday, March 4 at 10:00 p.m.– Saturday, March 5 at 7:00 a.m. • [GracePolaris.org/RedEye](https://gracelamp.org/RedEye).

Women's Friendship Brunch Saturday, March 12 • 9:30 a.m. • Minisry Center • All women (Age 16+) are invited for a time of fellowship, games, testimonies, Bible teaching, refreshments, and a gift! Register for \$8 by March 7 at [GracePolaris.org/Brunch](https://gracelamp.org/Brunch) or text "Brunch" to 614-888-7733..

Church Equipping Seminar Saturday, March 19 • 9:00 a.m. • Ministry Center • Dr. Gregg Allison will address timely topics related to our bodies and the image of God. Register by Monday, March 14 for \$25/person (includes lunch and a book) at [GracePolaris.org/Equip](https://gracelamp.org/Equip) or text "Equip" to 614-888-7733..

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Read Luke 5:27–39. What concepts from the sermon and this passage were new or insightful for you?
- 2 Describe Levi's response to Jesus' call to follow Him and what it likely cost Levi (5:27,28). How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to you?
- 3 Jesus' comfort with "tax collectors and sinners" was scandalous to the religious leaders (5:29,-30). Why? How might you be prone to a similar reaction?
- 4 What should we learn from Jesus' example and pursuit of sinners (5:31,32)? What prodding or wise caution do you need?
- 5 What would you share from the Bible with someone who felt that Jesus could never love them or save them? How would you try to challenge someone who seemed convinced of their own righteousness?
- 6 The Pharisees excelled at prescribing "righteous" acts and maintaining traditions that distorted true righteousness and protected their honored status. How does pseudo-righteousness keep you (or lead you to inhibit others) from experiencing true life in Jesus? How does Jesus challenge them and us?
- 7 For a believer, what is the relationship between holiness and joy? Can you have one without the other? Which is most absent for you? Explain.

PRAY

Pray that you would see yourself and others the way Jesus does. Ask God to help you effectively love and call sinners to repentance.