

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 6, Episode 14

Can God Save Someone Like Me?

Luke 5:27-32

Main Idea: Jesus doesn't wait for us to clean ourselves up—He meets us in the mess, calls us to Himself, and then uses us to bring others to the table.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What surprised or impacted you most in this episode of the podcast? Why?
2. Why do you think Matthew (Levi) responded immediately when Jesus called him?
3. What does Matthew's decision to "leave everything behind" tell us about the cost of following Jesus?
4. Why did the Pharisees question Jesus' choice to eat with tax collectors and sinners?
5. How does Jesus' response in verse 31 help us understand His mission?
6. What does it say about Matthew's heart that his first instinct was to throw a banquet for Jesus and his friends?
7. In what ways were the religious leaders spiritually sick but unaware of it?

8. **What do you think the disciples were thinking as Jesus called Matthew to join their group?**
 9. **How do the four women listed in Matthew's genealogy (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba) reflect God's heart for the outcast?**
 10. **How does Matthew's story encourage people who feel "too far gone" or unworthy of God's grace?**
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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Is there any part of your life you're hesitant to leave behind to follow Jesus?** What would it look like to trust Him with it?
 2. **Who in your life might feel like they're too far from God?** How can you be a bridge to Jesus for them this week?
 3. **How have you seen your past redeemed by Jesus to help others encounter Him?**
 4. **What's your version of a "banquet" where you can introduce your friends to Jesus?** (ex: a meal, event, group invite)
 5. **Do you ever struggle to see others through Jesus' eyes rather than through your own biases?** How can you grow in this?
 6. **Are there any ways you've acted more like a Pharisee than a follower lately?** How can you repent and re-align with Jesus?
 7. **How do you respond when you see someone radically changed by grace?** With skepticism, joy, or curiosity?
 8. **Have you accepted that your identity is not your past?** How can you live more fully in your new identity in Christ?
 9. **What would change in your life if you really believed, "Jesus is all I need"?**
 10. **How can your group become more like Jesus in welcoming those society often labels as "sinners"?**
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PRAYER PROMPT

“Jesus, thank You for calling us from our tax booths and broken places. Thank You for not waiting until we had it all together to extend Your grace. Help us to follow You fully, to leave behind what keeps us from You, and to invite others to meet You just as they are. Make us more like You in our love, our welcome, and our witness. Amen.”

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1.  **CSB Harmony of the Gospels** – Great for parallel gospel accounts
[Buy on Amazon](#)
 2.  **Forgotten Jesus Podcast** – Season 6 Episode 13 & 14 (pair well together)
 3.  **Book: *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty**
Explores Jesus in His Jewish context. Excellent complement to this study.
 4.  **BEMA Podcast – Ep 47–48**
Helps frame the ministry of Jesus with context around purity laws, outcasts, and the table.
 5.  **Long Hollow YouTube Channel** – Search for sermons on Matthew’s calling or grace and discipleship
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