

Calling Disciples

Lesson aim: To show how Jesus demonstrated His claims by works of divine power and how the faith produced by them led men to make a complete commitment to Him.

A second call of the four--Lk. 5:1-11

- 1. Is this call of these disciples the same as the one we studied in the last lesson? Why or why not?*
- 2. What does the miraculous catch demonstrate about Jesus?*

Jesus' popularity increases even more with the cleansing of a leper--Lk. 5:12-16 (Mt. 8:2-4; Mk. 1:40-45)

- 1. What does the cleansing of the leper tell us about Jesus?*
- 2. What law did Jesus order the leper to obey? Why?*

Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic--Lk. 5:17-26 (Mk. 9:1-8; Mk. 2:1-12)

- 1. Why did Jesus choose to say first to the paralytic "your sins are forgiven"?*
- 2. What miracle did Jesus offer to confirm his right to forgive sins? Can people be forgiven today like the paralytic?*

Matthew called to follow Christ--Lk. 5:27-28 (Mt. 9:9; Mk. 2:13-14)

1. *What is impressive about Matthew's response to Jesus' invitation to follow him?*

A banquet at Matthew's house--Lk. 5:29-32 (Mt. 9:10-13; Mk. 2:15-17)

1. *What might we learn about Jesus from His eating and drinking with tax-gatherers and sinners?*
2. *What is the meaning of the statement, "I desire compassion and not sacrifice"?*

Changed conditions with the Messiah present explained by three illustrations--Lk. 5:33-39 (Mt. 9:14-17; Mk. 2:18-22)

1. *Why did Jesus not urge His disciples to fast?*
2. *What is the point of Jesus' illustrations about the patches and the wineskins?*

Research challenge:



Search your resources for more information on fasting. When would it be appropriate for a disciple of Jesus?