

# DAILY BREAD

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2010

**This week's assigned reading: Luke, chapters 5 and 6.**

Comments on the assigned reading:

- When Jesus called his first disciples along the shore of the lake (5:1-11), he told the men fishing where to cast their nets. This resulted in the miracle of a huge catch of fish. This resulted in the disciples coming to faith and an invitation to be a disciple, i.e., a follower of Jesus. We should not connect becoming a believer and also becoming a disciple or follower of the Lord.
- At the time Jesus called Levi the tax collector to follow him (5:27-32), Levi gave a great banquet for him at his house. This is the first of several banquet stories in the Luke, a strong motif in this Gospel.
- The healing of the man with the withered hand (6:6-11) marks the beginning of when Jesus has made some people so angry that they begin to plot how to eliminate him.

Questions for reflection and discussion:

1. When the first disciples were called to follow Jesus from where he found them near the lake (5:1-11), and when Levi the tax collector was also called (5:27-32), in both stories we read, "they left everything and followed him" (vv. 11 and 28). Have you left everything in order to follow Jesus? What do you need to leave behind in order to more closely follow him?
2. Compare the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-26) with the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:1-12). How are they different and how are they the same? What do they mean?
3. Jesus taught us to love our enemies (6:27 and 35). Do you have any enemies? If so, how can you go beyond simply saying this with words and actually doing something that demonstrates your love for them?
4. Many people, especially young people, do not want to associate with a church because they see that many church members judge others and are hypocrites. Jesus taught us not to judge others (6:37). In what respect are we commanded not to judge? Is the charge by unchurched persons correct that church people engage in judging others? What do you think?

Suggestions for prayer:

- For Kylee Rae Tschida who is or soon will be baptized.
- For those going on the Men's Retreat at Bay Lake Camp next weekend.
- For Joe Midthun (husband of Kelsey) and Andy Behrendt (husband of Tracy), graduates of Luther Seminary and candidates for their first calls as pastors.
- For our church council and all those in positions of leadership in our congregation.

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