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Conflicting Expectations

Luke 5:27-6:11

Our text today teaches us valuable lessons about...

~ The Company We Keep

~ Our Personal Practices / Disciplines

~ The Spirit of the Law vs The Letter of the Law

Application



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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbventura.org

Going Deeper

Read the other gospel accounts of our passage in [Matthew 9:9-17](#); [12:1-8](#) & [Mark 2:13-28](#). Is anything different? What stands out to you? What's your take on this?

What impressed you from our passage? Share your thoughts and observations with your group.

Share a time when you encountered conflicting expectations. How did you handle it? What happened/resulted?

What stands out to you about the company that Jesus kept? Why do you think that He chose these people? What can we learn from this?

In what ways was Levi/Matthew a strategic pick for Jesus team?
What qualities did he bring to the table that Christians often lack?

Matthew wasn't a disciple of John the Baptist; and, we don't know of any prior encounter he might have had with Jesus. Discuss the significance of the fact that he left everything behind to follow Jesus!

Have you ever hosted your friends to celebrate your new relationship with God through Jesus? Do you still have friends who don't know the Lord? How much time do you spend with them?

What's the purpose of personal disciplines like *fasting* and *prayer*, or *solitude*? How did the Pharisees (and other religious leaders) miss this? Cite examples in other New Testament passages.

What was Jesus' point in giving the three illustrations: The bridegroom & guests, the new unshrunk patch of cloth, & the new wine? How did these examples relate to Him/His ministry & Judaism? What can we learn?

What do other people's expectations often reveal about them? How can we handle this gracefully?

Read [Matthew 9:13](#) & [Matthew 12:7](#) and talk about what Jesus was getting at in these verses. How could this apply to us today?

Can you think of modern examples in which there's a disconnect between "*the spirit of the law*" and "*the letter of the law*?" How can we determine the best course of action without becoming legalistic or overly permissive? Discuss

Application

What's one way that you can practice what you've learned?

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.