**A Meal with Jesus Series**

**Bad People (Luke 5:27-32)**

**Introduction:**

* **Luke 5:27-32**
* **Today we are looking at the conversion of Levi (Matthew).**
* **Through this conversion, we see how Jesus uses a meal to show his love for people where they are.**
* **His Action helps us to recognize that everybody is lost, everybody is loved, and everybody is welcomed at his table.**
* **We are challenged to share meals or do something outside the norm with others for the purpose of discipleship and evangelism.**

1. **The Invitation (Scene 1) (vv. 27-28)**
   1. **Placed himself on the outside (Matthew chose the profession)**
   2. **Left everything to follow him.**
   3. **You cannot follow without leaving.**
2. **The Meal (Scene 2) (v. 29)**
   1. **Luke portrays Jesus having long meals.**
   2. **It was intentional: to build relationships with long meals for spiritual move.**
   3. **Invite People to your imperfect house, to your imperfect life and imperfect world.**
3. **The Scandal (Scene 3) (vv. 30-32)**
   1. **The thought of the day: insiders do not dine with outsiders because they could be contaminated.**
      1. **Confess guilt before God.**
      2. **Confess guilt to the person you injured.**
      3. **Prove your repentance by changing behavior.**
      4. **Offering Appropriate Sacrifices in the Temple**
   2. **NOW I CAN EAT WITH YOU**

**Conclusion:**

* **Jesus reaches from his world to our world.**
* **Come as you are.**
* **Accept the Invitation**
* **Leave everything behind**
* **Without Jesus, everybody is lost.**
* **But remember everybody is loved and everybody is welcomed at his table.**