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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

# Luke

## *Chapter 5*

*Not the Righteous but Sinners*

MEMORY VERSE · LUKE 5:31–32

*"And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.""*

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# This week in Luke 5

Luke 5 is full of men who knew they did not belong near Jesus — a sinful fisherman, a leper, a paralyzed man, a tax collector. Every one of them found out He came for exactly their kind. This week, let Him come close to you the same way.

**How to use this journal**

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Luke study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

**What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?**

DAY 1 OF 5

# At Your Word

READ · LUKE 5:1–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What had Simon caught all night, what did Jesus tell him to do, and what happened when he did it (5:4–7)?**

REFLECT

**Simon said, "we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say" (5:5). Where have you tried and failed so many times that you have stopped letting down the nets?**

REFLECT

**When Peter saw who Jesus was, he said, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (5:8). How have you kept Jesus at arm's length because you felt too dirty to be near Him — and what does His answer, "Do not fear" (5:10), say to you?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Name the one thing Jesus has told you to do that you quit on, and do it once today because He said so.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (LUKE 5:31–32)

DAY 2 OF 5

# I Am Willing

READ · LUKE 5:12–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did the leper believe Jesus could do, what was he unsure of, and what did Jesus do before He spoke (5:12–13)?**

REFLECT

**The leper was sure Jesus could make him clean, but not sure He would (5:12). Which do you doubt more about God — His power, or His willingness to help someone like you?**

REFLECT

**Jesus touched a man no one else would touch (5:13). Who in your life — maybe yourself — feels untouchable, and how does this verse speak to that?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Take ten quiet minutes alone today the way Jesus did (5:16), and tell Him plainly what you need cleansed.**

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DAY 3 OF 5

# Through the Roof

READ · LUKE 5:17–26

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did the four men do when they could not get through the crowd, and what did Jesus say first when He saw their faith (5:19–20)?**

REFLECT

**Jesus dealt with the man's sins before his legs (5:20). What guilt is keeping you stuck — unable to move forward — that only His forgiveness can lift?**

REFLECT

**Four friends carried one man to Jesus (5:18–19). Who carried you when you couldn't get there yourself, and who could you help carry now?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Call or visit one man who is struggling and offer to "hold a corner of the mat" — a ride, a meal, a prayer with him.**

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DAY 4 OF 5

# He Came for Sinners

READ · LUKE 5:27–32

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did Levi leave, what did he do next, and what did Jesus say to the grumbling Pharisees (5:28–32)?**

REFLECT

**Levi "left everything behind" and then threw a party so his friends could meet Jesus (5:28–29). What would it look like for you to bring your old friends to Jesus instead of hiding Him from them?**

REFLECT

**Jesus said, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick" (5:31). Where are you still pretending to be well so you don't have to admit you need Him?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Write down, in one honest sentence, where you are sick and need the Physician — then thank Him that He came for exactly that.**

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DAY 5 OF 5

# New Wine

READ · LUKE 5:33–39

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What three pictures does Jesus use for something new, and what does the man who drinks old wine say (5:36–39)?**

REFLECT

**"No one puts new wine into old wineskins" (5:37). Where are you trying to add Jesus to your old way of living instead of letting Him make you new?**

REFLECT

**The man who likes old wine says, "The old is good enough" (5:39). What old habit or pattern are you comfortable with that Jesus wants to replace?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Choose one old pattern — a place, a habit, a way of talking — and set it aside today as a step into the new life He gives.**

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

# Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

**Simon, a leper, a paralyzed man and a tax collector all came to Jesus in different ways (5:8, 12, 19, 27). Which of their stories is closest to how you first came to Him, and why?**

FOR THE GROUP · 2

**The four friends would not stop at a crowded doorway (5:19). What "crowds" stand between the men we know and Jesus, and how could we as a group get past them together?**

FOR THE GROUP · 3

**The Pharisees grumbled that Jesus ate with sinners (5:30). What would it take for our group to be a table where men with a bad record feel welcome to sit down?**

MY PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, I am a sinful man and I have worked all night and caught nothing, so at Your word I…**

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · LUKE 5:31–32

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