DEFINING MOMENTS: Complete Discipleship

Casual Disciples Believe a Costly Myth,
While Complete Disciples Balance a Costly Mission.

1. Gather with _____ (27-28).

2. Grow with _____ (29).

3. Go with _____ (30-32).

Luke 5:27-32 (ESV)

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." 28And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

29And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

30And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How does knowing that Jesus is the one who takes the initiative in calling us to salvation change how we think about sharing the gospel?

2. Why do you think the call of Jesus had such a radical effect on Levi? What would it look like for your life to be radically transformed in a similar way?

3. What aspects of casual Christianity do you see in our city? What aspects of imbalance do you see in yourself? What steps will you take next to be complete in your discipleship?

Quote for the Week. . .
by James Montgomery Boice

"We often hear the "Savior" characteristics of God stressed – His love, mercy, goodness and so on – but the matter of His lordship is absent. The distortion is particularly clear in evangelism. In modern practice the call to repentance is usually called an "invitation," which one can obviously accept or refuse. It is offered politely. Seldom do we hear presented God's sovereign demand to repent or His demand for total submission to the authority of His appointed king, Christ Jesus."