

Reaching the Lost for Jesus
Luke 5:27-39

I. You can't **acquire** what is **forfeit**. (Luke 5:27-32)

1 Timothy 1:11 – that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me. (CSB)

Romans 9:31-32 – ³¹But Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not achieved the righteousness of the law. ³²Why is that? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. (CSB)

II. When you lose the **world** will you gain your **soul**. (Luke 5:27-29)

2 Corinthians 7:10 – For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly grief produces death (CSB)

Mark 8:35-36 – ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and the gospel will save it.
³⁶For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life? (CSB)

III. The mission of Jesus requires us to rethink our **methods**. (Luke 5:30-39)

1 Corinthians 4:6-8 – ⁶Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying: “Nothing beyond what is written.” The purpose is that none of you will be arrogant, favoring one person over another. ⁷For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn’t receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn’t received it? ⁸You are already full! You are already rich! You have begun to reign as kings without

us—and I wish you did reign, so that we could also reign with you!
(CSB)

Hosea 10:13 – You have plowed wickedness and reaped injustice;
you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your
own way and in your large number of soldiers, (CSB)

A. Man-made **traditions**.

B. Man-made **prejudices**.

C. God-made **exclusivity**.

Thought For The Week:

Do you know any **really good sinners**?

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