

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Come as you are.

(This series of lessons is based on the book
“No Perfect People Allowed” by John Burke.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 9:9-13

Matthew 22:1-10

Romans 7

Romans 8

Luke 18:9-14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What prevents you from experiencing grace, from feeling
acceptable and close to God?

Why do people long to feel accepted?

Romans 7:15

Have you ever felt this cycle the apostle Paul describes?

How did that feel? What do you think caused it?

Romans 8:1–4

How does God’s promise not to condemn us help us grow?

What do you experience more of: Romans 7 or Romans 8?

Why?

How do we treat people as God’s masterpieces?

How can you create a culture of grace and acceptance?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His grace and mercy.

Agree with God about relationships
where you need to show more grace.

Thank God for the people
who have showed you God’s grace.

Ask God to show you how to create a culture of grace.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ LUKE 5:27-28 & MATTHEW 9:9

What is a tax collector?

Do people like them?

Is it easy for a tax collector to be honest?

Why would Jesus want Levi

(also called Matthew) to follow Him?

Why would Levi leave “everything” to follow Jesus?

Set up a “tax” schedule for the week.

Decide as a family what you will tax
and what the “tax” will be.

READ LUKE 5:29-30 & MATTHEW 9:10-11

What kind of friends did Levi have over for dinner?

Why did that bother the Pharisees?

Make a list of friends you’d like to have over for dinner.

Begin working down the list, having the whole family
make the invitations and the dinner.

READ LUKE 5:31-32 & MATTHEW 9:12-13

How is Jesus like a doctor?

When was the last time you went to see a doctor?

Take each other’s temperature.

How can you take your “spiritual” temperature?

Draw a picture of God’s “waiting room”?

MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus answered them,

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

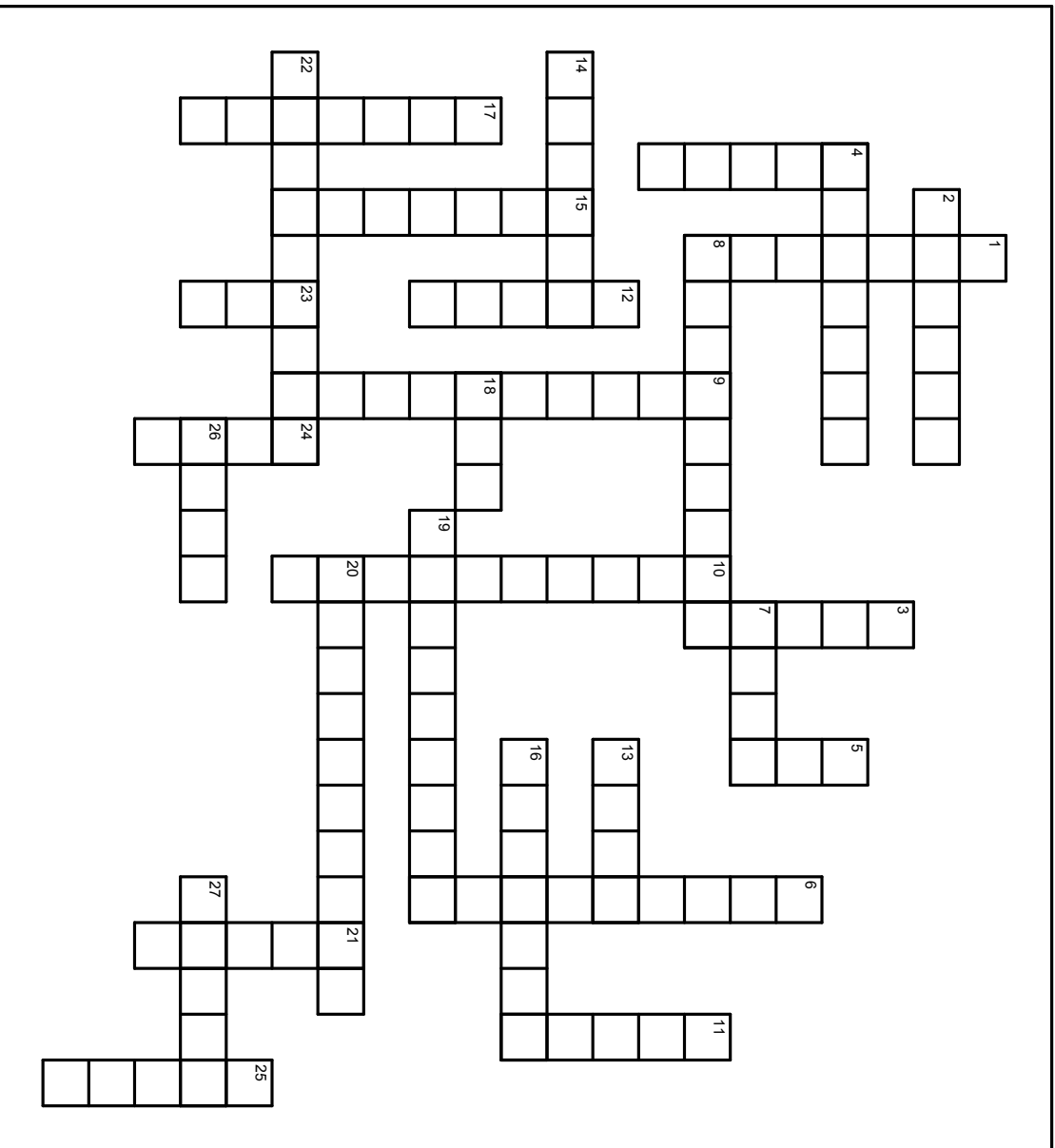
I have not come to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 5:31-32

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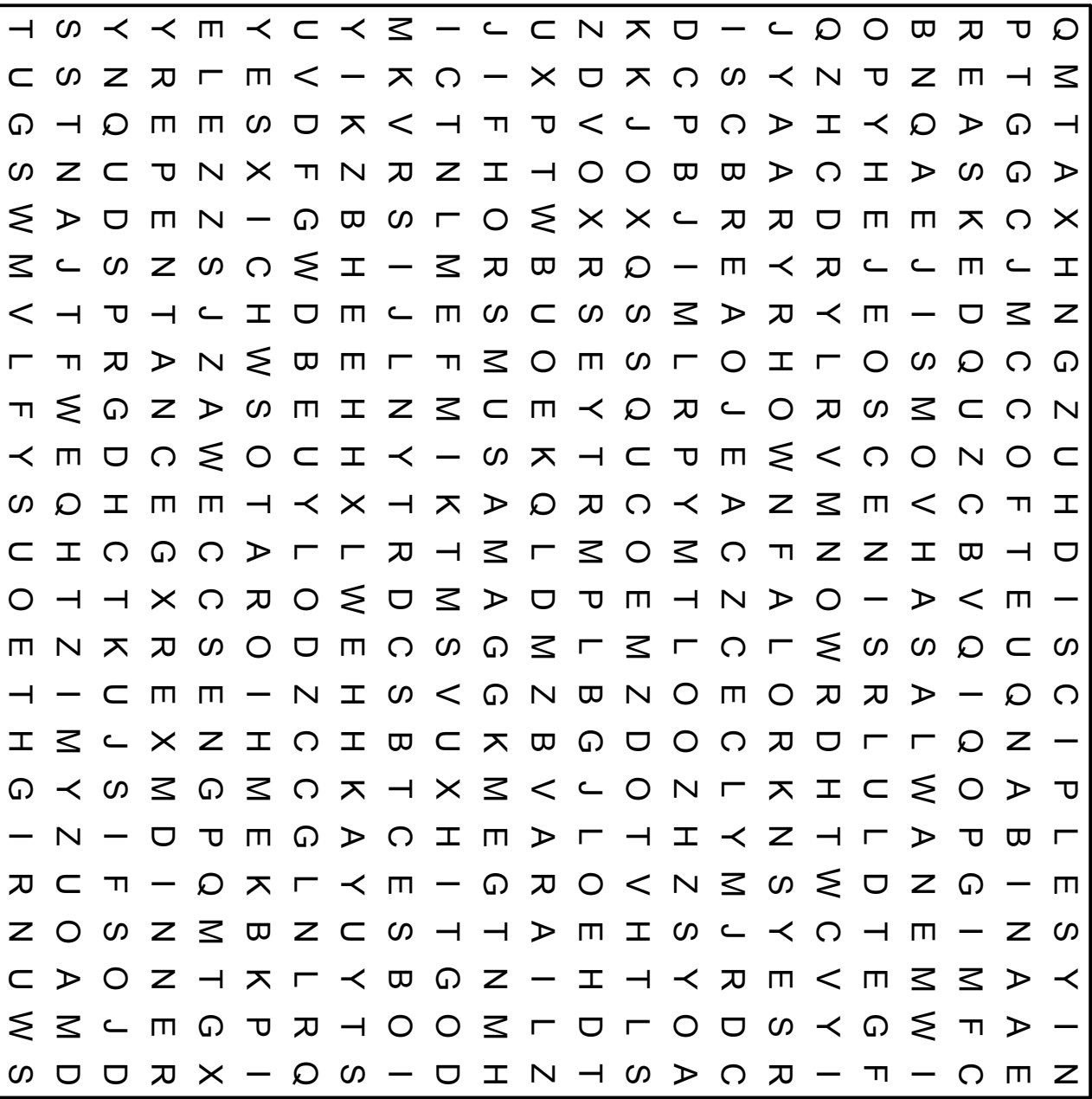
Across

2. the evening meal (Matthew 9:10)
4. party with food (Luke 5:29)
7. religious group (Luke 5:30)
8. religious duty (Matthew 9:13)
13. his Jewish name (Luke 5:27)
14. person who studies about the body (Matthew 9:12)
16. well people (Matthew 9:12)
18. government fee (Matthew 9:9)
19. those who are totally good (Matthew 9:13)
20. all he had (Luke 5:28)
22. teachers of the law (Matthew 9:11)
26. bring together (Matthew 9:13)
27. Son of God (Matthew 9:9)

Down

1. people who do bad things (Matthew 9:10)
3. where he lives (Luke 5:29)
4. enclosure (Matthew 9:9)
5. sit and share food (Matthew 9:11)
6. followers (Matthew 9:10)
9. change of heart (Luke 5:31)
10. whined (Luke 5:30)
11. undeserved kindness (Matthew 9:13)
12. large group (Luke 5:29)
15. leader (Matthew 9:11)
17. his other name was Levi (Matthew 9:9)
21. called (Matthew 9:9)
23. noticed (Matthew 9:9)
24. unwell (Matthew 9:12)
25. questioned (Matthew 9:11)

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Jesus	saw	Matthew	named	tax
booth	dinner	sinners	disciples	Pharisees
asked	teacher	eat	healthy	doctor
sick	mercy	sacrifice	call	righteous
Levi	everything	banquet	house	crowd
sect	complained	repentance		

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