

Weekly Discussion Guide – 1-18-2026

Follow the Rabbi, Week 2: “The Disorientation of Reorientation”

Text: Luke 5:27-32

1. When have you experienced a positive change in life (job, move, relationship, faith, health, etc.) that initially felt more like loss than gain? What made it feel that way?
2. **Read Luke 5:27-32.** What stands out to you about the way Jesus calls Levi? What surprises you most about Jesus's approach?
3. Why did being a tax collector make Levi both wealthy and isolated? How might that shape how he heard Jesus's call?
4. The sermon suggested that following Jesus costs something real. Do you agree? Why or why not? Where have you seen this in your own life?
5. Jesus didn't just ask Levi to change his behavior; he asked him to leave his identity behind. What's the difference between changing behavior and changing identity?
6. Why do you think Luke emphasizes the banquet at Levi's house? What does this teach us about how discipleship begins?
7. The bottom line was, “Discipleship is not addition; it’s reorientation.” In your own words, what does that mean? Can you give an example?
8. What “booth” (role, identity, habit, reputation, security, or fear) might Jesus be inviting you to leave behind right now? What is one concrete step you could take in response?