PASTOR ROLAND SMITH FEBRUARY 5, 2023 SERMON NOTES

The B.L.E.S.S. Strategy

E. - Eat Luke 5

- Folks, something special happens when we gather at the table • Meals were a significant event in the life of Jesus. 10 times in Luke's Gospel it mentions meals that Jesus was involved in. • Today we will look at 3 examples of how Jesus ministered through meals in Luke's Gospel I. Jesus ______ with a ______ (Luke 5:27-32) 1. Levi's _____ (v. 27-28) "follow me" - tax collectors were seen as crooks and traitors - they could not be: A. a judge B. a witness C. a worshipper in the synagogue 2. Levi's _____ (v. 29) "a great crowd" - "other" is the Greek word "allos" which means; others of the same kind. 3. Levi's _____ (v. 30-32) "the Pharisees and scribes" - they attacked the disciples but Jesus came to their rescue. II. Jesus ______ with a ______ (7:36-50) • Luke mentions Pharisees 28 times and they are always hostile to Jesus. 1. his _____ (v. 39) - But Jesus knew his thoughts! 2. his _____ (v. 40-43) - Reluctantly he gives the correct answer but Jesus points out his hypocrisy . . . III. Jesus _____ (Luke 14:15-24) 1. a great _____ (v. 15-17) 2. a great _____ (v. 18-20) "they all alike" A. too big to come (v. 18)B. too busy to come (v. 19) C. too blissful to come (v. 20)3. a great _____ (v. 21-23)
 - When you come to Jesus you are coming to a feast, not a funeral! Why not start enjoying those feasts with strangers now?