



WALNUT CREEK

CHURCH



THE GOSPEL OF

Luke



CALLING THE UNRIGHTEOUS

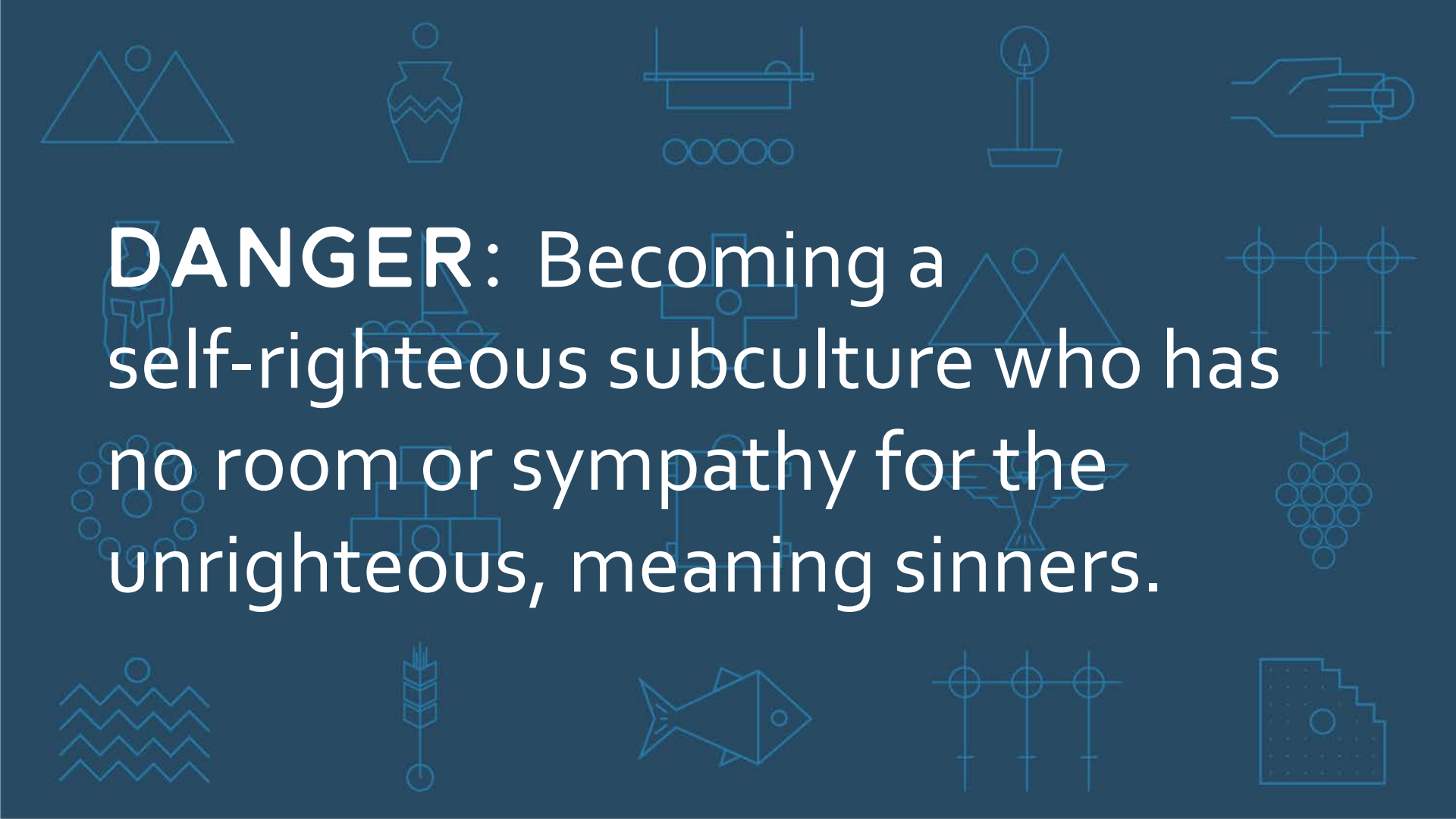
LUKE 5:27-32





WHAT IS THE DANGER?





DANGER: Becoming a self-righteous subculture who has no room or sympathy for the unrighteous, meaning sinners.



OUTLINE:

1. Jesus Calls Levi

2. Jesus Attends a Party

3. Jesus is Criticized

4. Jesus Responds to Criticism



1. JESUS CALLS LEVI



LUKE 5:27

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me."

LUKE 5:20

20 Seeing their faith he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

LUKE 5:22-24

22 But perceiving their thoughts, Jesus replied to them, "Why are you thinking this in your hearts?"

LUKE 5:22-24

23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?

LUKE 5:22-24

24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he told the paralyzed man, "I tell you: Get up, take your stretcher, and go home."

LUKE 5:27

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TWO TYPES OF TAXES:

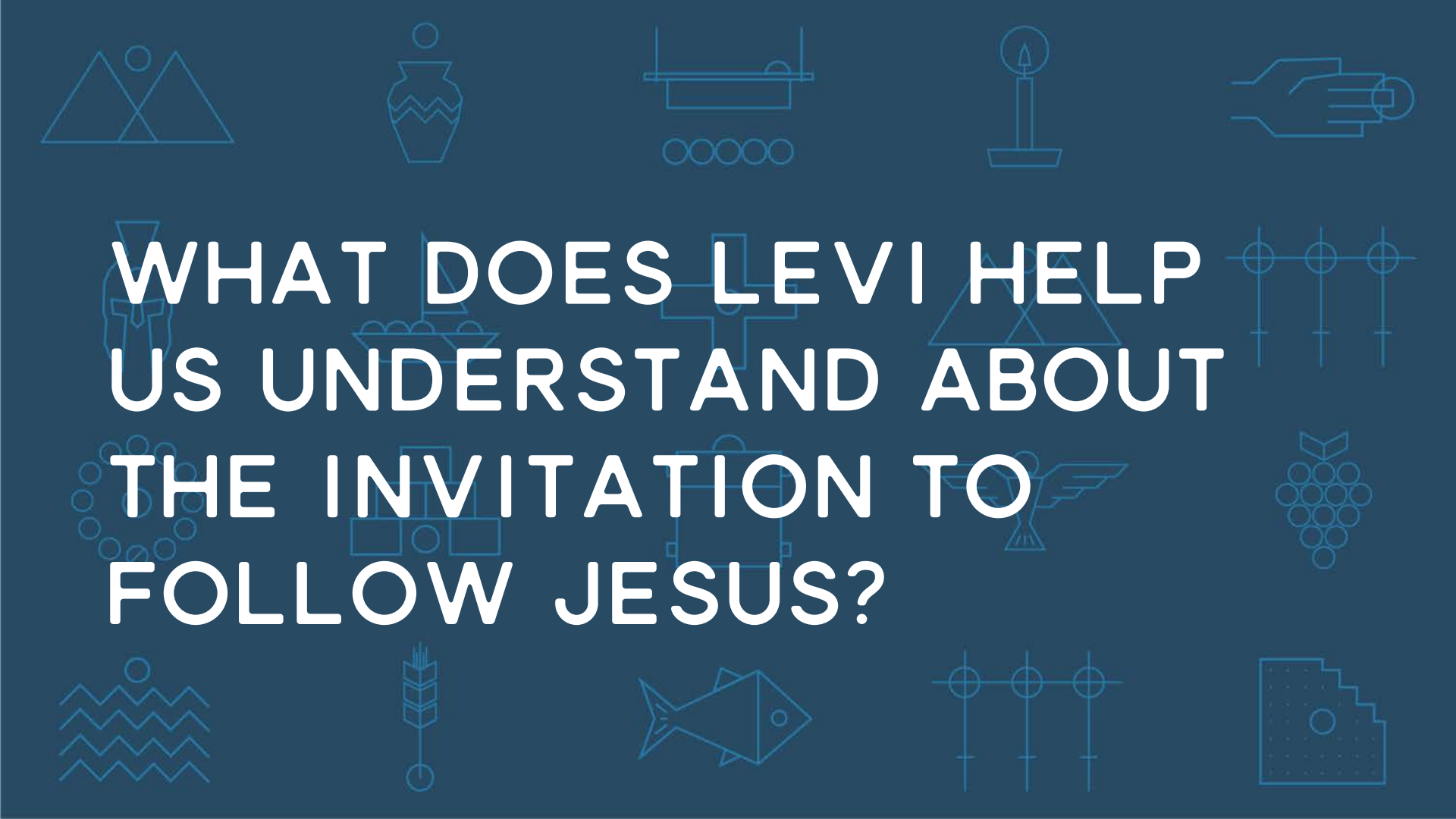
- Fixed Taxes
- Duties and Tolls

LUKE 5:27

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me."

LUKE 5:28

28 So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow him.

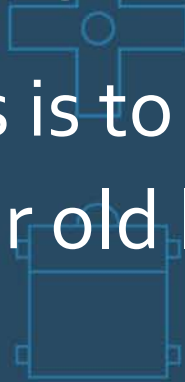


WHAT DOES LEVI HELP
US UNDERSTAND ABOUT
THE INVITATION TO
FOLLOW JESUS?



LEVI'S RESPONSE:

a. To follow Jesus is to make a decisive break with your old life.



LUKE 5:28

28 So, leaving everything behind, he got up and began to follow him.



LEVI'S RESPONSE:

- a. To follow Jesus is to make a decisive break with your old life.
- b. To follow Jesus means making sacrifices.

2. JESUS ATTENDS A PARTY



LUKE 5:29

29 Then Levi hosted a grand banquet for him at his house. Now there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others who were guests with them.

WHY DID LEVI THROW A PARTY?





LEVI'S PARTY:

a. To celebrate his new life.



LUKE 10:20

20 However, don't rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.



LEVI'S PARTY:

a. To celebrate his new life.



b. To celebrate Jesus.



LUKE 5:29

29 Then Levi hosted a grand banquet for him at his house. Now there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others who were guests with them.



LEVI'S PARTY:

a. To celebrate his new life.



b. To celebrate Jesus.



c. To introduce his friends to Jesus.





3. JESUS IS CRITICIZED



LUKE 5:29-30

29 Then Levi hosted a grand banquet for him at his house. Now there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others who were guests with them.

LUKE 5:29-30

30 But the Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

LEVITICUS 10:10

10 You must distinguish between the holy and the common, and the clean and the unclean.

4. JESUS RESPONDS TO CRITICISM



LUKE 5:31-32

31 Jesus replied to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a doctor, but those who are sick."

LUKE 5:31-32

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

MATTHEW 9:13

13 Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice.

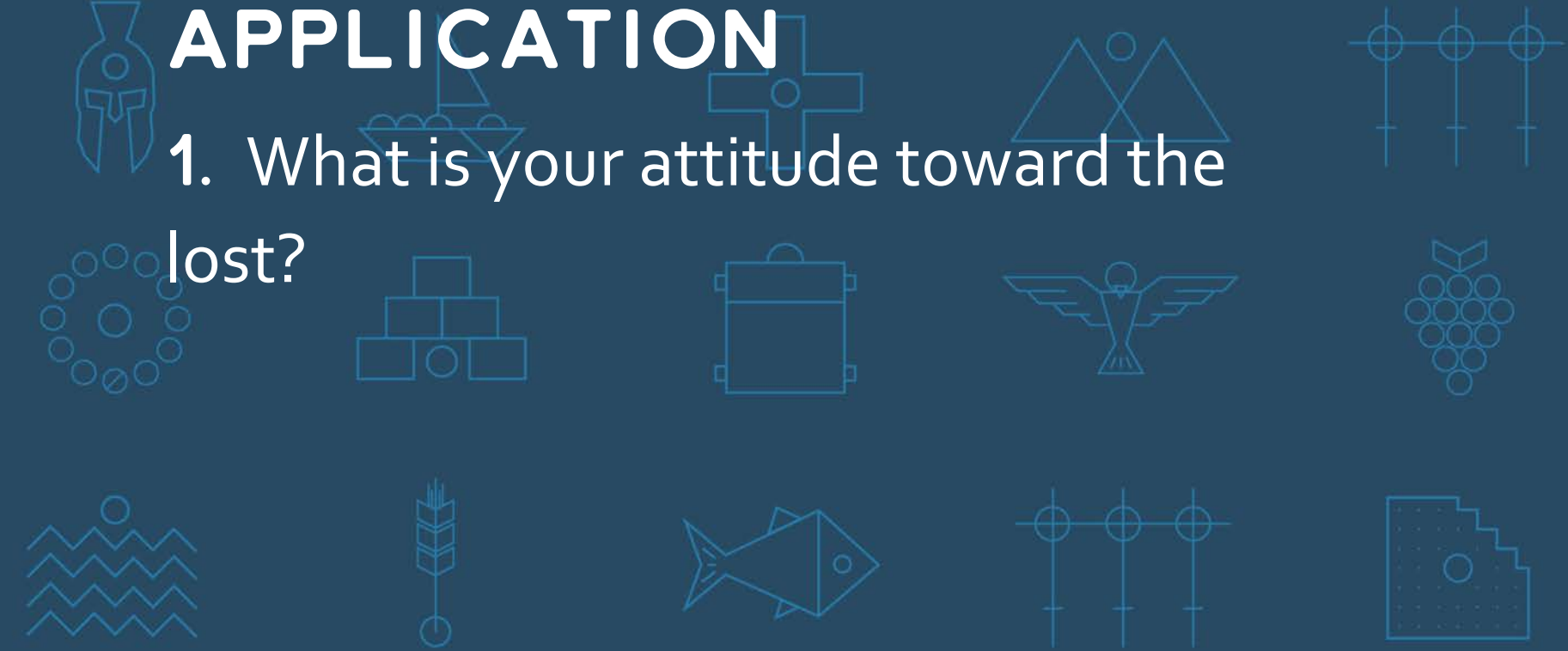
HOSEA 6:6

6 For I desire faithful love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.



APPLICATION

1. What is your attitude toward the lost?





APPLICATION



2. Remember where you came

from





APPLICATION

3. GO TO THOSE WHO NEED

CHRIST





THREE PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD US:

- KNOW YOUR TEMPTATIONS AND LIMITS



THREE PRINCIPLES TO SAFEGUARD US:

- KNOW YOUR TEMPTATIONS AND LIMITS
- REMEMBER YOUR PURPOSE



APPLICATION



4. Have you repented and

followed Christ?





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