

The Power of an Invite

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Luke 14:15 – 24 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’” (NIV)

Invitation to Rest

Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (NIV)

Invitation to Discover

Invitation to Serve

1 Peter 1:6-7 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. (NLT)

Invitation to Others

Invitation to Him

John 6:37 However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. (NLT)