
The Party - Luke 14

1. **Think like Jesus.**
2. **Celebrate like Jesus.**
3. **Understand like Jesus.**
4. **Pursue people like Jesus.**

Turn a message into a conversation. Consider joining with a friend to review the message and dig deeper into God's word through the following questions.

If you could host a party on an unlimited budget, what would your theme be? Who would you want to invite?

What is the worst party you have ever been to?

Most of us love parties. We love the celebration, the friends, and just the joy that comes with the experience of being at a party. Jesus actually gave some specific instructions about parties to some church people.

READ LUKE 14:12-14.

Life begins to make sense when we start to **think like Jesus**. In these verses He was very clear about who to invite to a party.

Who did Jesus say to invite in verse 13?

Why did Jesus say to invite those people instead of friends and relatives and rich neighbors who can repay you?

We think like Jesus when we act on the basis of what others need rather than what others can do for us in return. By reaching out to those who could not repay the act of kindness, the host would not expect to receive anything in return. But by this action he would be inviting a much greater reward, God's special blessing. When that time comes, God will bless His followers who have acted humbly in thinking like Jesus.

Thinking about your relationship with Jesus, what is most difficult about being a servant?

For those of you who serve in our church, how have you been blessed by serving at Real Life?

READ LUKE 14:16-20.

Which of the excuses people gave (money, work, recreation, or relationships) would you be most likely to give? Why?

From your experience, what excuses do people make to avoid God's "banquet"? What can you say or do to help people get over their excuses?

READ LUKE 14:21-24.

Look back at verse 13. What is similar about verse 13 and verse 21?

Why was the owner of the house so angry? Who does the owner of the house represent?

We are called to pursue people like Jesus wants us to pursue them. This includes the poor, crippled, blind, and lame. The owner of the house, God the Father, became angry because He had paid a high price for this party—He gave the life of His own Son. As His servants, we must go quickly and pursue people.

21 DAY READING PLAN

- DAY 1 - JOHN 1:1-51
- DAY 2 - JOHN 2:1-25
- DAY 3 - JOHN 3:1-36
- DAY 4 - JOHN 4:1-54
- DAY 5 - JOHN 5:1-47
- DAY 6 - JOHN 6:1-71
- DAY 7 - JOHN 7:1-52
- DAY 8 - JOHN 8:1-59
- DAY 9 - JOHN 9:1-41
- DAY 10 - JOHN 10:1-42
- DAY 11 - JOHN 11:1-57
- DAY 12 - JOHN 12:1-50
- DAY 13 - JOHN 13:1-38
- DAY 14 - JOHN 14:1-31
- DAY 15 - JOHN 15:1-27
- DAY 16 - JOHN 16:1-33
- DAY 17 - JOHN 17:1-26
- DAY 18 - JOHN 18:1-40
- DAY 19 - JOHN 19:1-42
- DAY 20 - JOHN 20:1-31
- DAY 21 - JOHN 21:1-25