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## INTO THE BIBLE

*When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!"*

### **Luke 14:7-9 NLT**

*"Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

### **Luke 14:10-11 NLT**

*he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."*

### **Luke 14:12-13 NLT**

*Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'"*

### **Luke 14:16-20 NLT**

*"The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'"*

### **Luke 14:21-23 NLT**

# SERMON TAKEAWAYS

## HOW TO INVITE:

1. **Give Perspective** (Luke 14:16)
2. **Communicate We Want Something For You, Not From You** (Luke 14:17)
3. **Have A Sense Of Urgency** (Luke 14:21,23)
4. **Don't Just Inform People, Invite Them** (Luke 14:23)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus said, "those who exalt themselves will be humbled but those who humble themselves will be exalted." What are some ways that you feel Christians have exalted themselves at the table of Jesus? What keeps us sometimes from giving the best seat to those that are the furthest away?

2. As a group, discuss creative ways you have invited people to church. What do you need to do to be more intentional about inviting people close to you but far from God to church?

3. Out of the 4 practical things you can do to invite someone to church which one do you struggle with the most?

4. Share who God wrote on your heart to invite to church. Why do you think God impressed them upon your heart? When you're done, spend some time as a group and pray over those names.

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

*Ask God, our Father, to give you the courage to invite someone this week. Ask God to give you the boldness to share how Jesus has changed your life.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EASTER AT RESCUE HOUSE - April 4th, 9:15am and 11:00am**

*Join us this Easter Sunday as we gather together and celebrate the risen King Jesus! This is a day that changed everything for the world. You can join us in person for a live Easter celebration at 9:15am and 11:00am. If you can't make it in person, be sure to join us online at the same times.*

### **THE WEEKENDER - April 23-25th**

*If you haven't attended The Weekender yet, what are you waiting for? At The Weekender we will share with you all our church has to offer to help you know God, find freedom and embrace your purpose! This is a FREE event but space is limited so reserve your spot today.*