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Luke 14:15-24

Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”¹⁶ Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.¹⁷ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’

¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’ ¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ ²⁰ Another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ ²¹ “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.’ ²² After the servant had done this, he reported ‘There is still room for more.’ ²³ 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. ²⁴ For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’”



A personal invitation



SAVE THE DATE

So it is not with me as with that Muse,
Stirred by a painted beauty to his verse,
Who heaven itself for ornament doth use,
And every fair with his fair doth rehearse,
Making a couplement of proud compare,
With sun and moon, with earth and sea's rich store,
With April's first-born flowers, and all things rare,
That heaven's air in this huge mouldure bears.
O let me, true in love, but truly write,
And then, believe me, my love is as fair
As any mother's child, though not so bright,
As those gold candles fixed in heaven's air;
Let them say more that like of heavenly well,
I will not praise that purpose not to sell.

**This parable is a
warning for us today.**



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THE PRIORITY OF PERSONAL INTEREST



Luke 14:19

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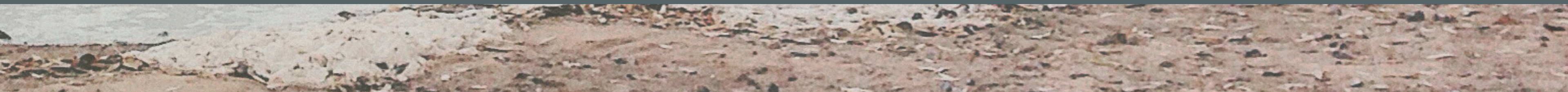
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THE PRIORITY OF POSSESSIONS



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THE PRIORITY OF PEOPLE





*We are on God's
invitation team.*

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- *70% of unchurched people never received an invitation*
- *82% of people say they would visit a church if personally invited*

Luke 14:21

“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.’

Luke 14:23

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.'

urge anyone you find to come
compel them to come in
press upon them to come in
drag them in

...so that the house will be full.



INVITE SUNDAY



*Who is on your
invitation list?*

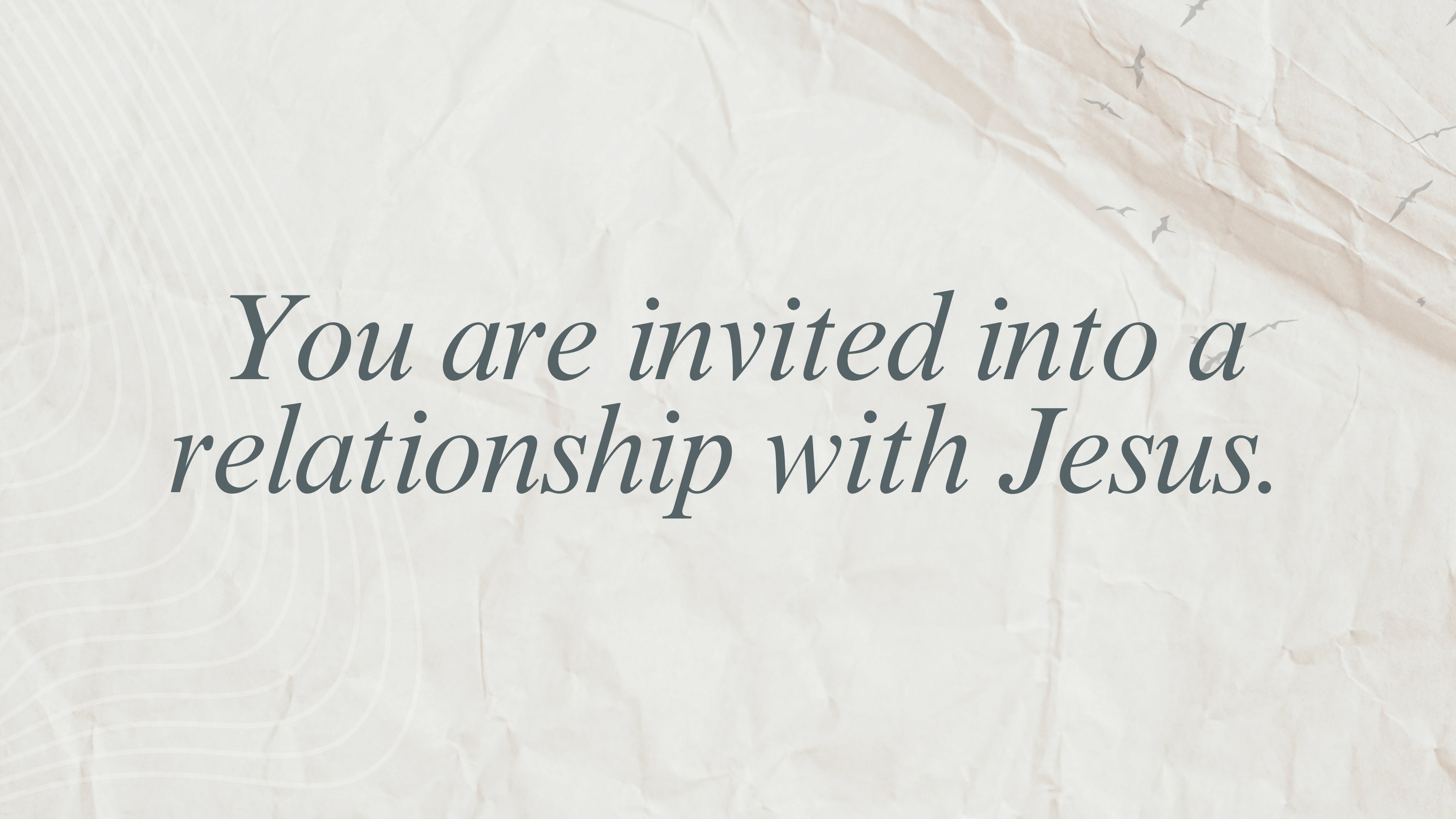
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My Invitation List

- Write the names of 3 unchurched people you know
- Pray at least 1 minute per day for each one
- Fast 1 day on Tuesday, Sept. 16th for your people
- Invite them to church for 'Invite Sunday' on Sept. 21st

name: _____

name: _____



*You are invited into a
relationship with Jesus.*