

Plenty Good Room



Plenty Good Room: Preparing the Guest Room

Welcome to the Bridge! It's a joy to share this new study with you during this season of Lent entitled *Plenty Good Room*. During this study, we focus on one of the African American spirituals as our theme along with scripture, as we journey together towards Holy Week and Easter. The Negro Spiritual entitled "Plenty Good Room" is iconic.

"There's plenty good room, plenty good room, plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, plenty good room, plenty good room, just choose your seat and sit down! I would not be a sinner, I'll tell you the reason why; I'm afraid my Lord my call on me, And I wouldn't be ready to die. I would not be a liar, I'll tell you the reason why; I'm afraid my Lord my call on me, And I wouldn't be ready to die.

While overtly referring to anticipated blessings in heaven, "Plenty Good Room" also had another message. Those who had been enslaved were protesting their status in life where they were not given room to live, work, and exist as human beings. This state, as the words to the song clearly indicate, is not reflective of God's kingdom.

In their "Father's kingdom" they had "plenty good room." The words of the spiritual were also a subtle protest against the tiny, one-room shacks and other deplorable lodgings in which they were forced to live. Understandably, Those who had been enslaved longed for a place where they could have their basic physical needs met. As they physically and figuratively had no room.

Key Scripture: St. Mark 14:10-26

1. Preparing Room (Mark 14:12-16)
2. Is It Me? (Mark 14:17-21)
3. Transformation (Mark 14:22-26)

Scripture References: Leviticus 23:4-8; Numbers 28:16-25, John 14:1-3, Matthew 5:44, Matthew 6:14-15, Psalm 55, Isaiah 26:4, Psalm 32:8, Ephesians 4:26-27, Matthew 5:39; 44, Colossians 3:13.

HOW DO YOU HANDLE BETRAYAL?

1. _____ OUT FOR GOD'S HELP.
2. TAKE A _____.
3. EXPRESS OUR _____ TO GOD.
4. LET GOD _____ WITH OUR BETRAYER.

5. TRUST IN GOD AND EXTEND _____.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. What is betrayal? What is betrayal? Who have I betrayed? Who has betrayed me?
2. Have I been completely honest with God about my feelings related to this betrayal?
3. Am I harboring any anger, bitterness or resentment towards the person who hurt me?
4. Am I willing to trust God to deal with my betrayer?
5. Am I willing to obey God's command to forgive those who have hurt me?

CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

We Care!

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a part of our faith community, we want to provide you with the information you need to “*find needs and meet them, find hurts and heal them, find problems and solve them.*” Here’s a list of resources to help you.

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