

NO UNSENT INVITATIONS

"NOT IN OUR HOUSE" SERIES | PART 5 OF 6

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Luke 14:16–23 NLT

PARALLEL PASSAGE: MATTHEW 22

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.**'"

AN INVITATION IS AN _____

THE EXCUSES:

"I must inspect my field"...

"My status is more important than your schedule"

"I must test-drive my oxen"...

"My labor is more important than your grace."

"I just got married"...

"What I'm celebrating is more important than what you are celebrating."

WE HAVE **2 JOBS**: 1. _____ the House 2. _____ the Table

WHAT DOES IT TAKE
TO **FILL THE HOUSE**? 1. **INVITE** 2. Invite **ANYONE** 3. Invite _____

"NOT IN OUR HOUSE": NO _____ INVITATIONS

WE ARE A **CHURCH OF PASSION**

BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL **TOO MANY LIVING IN RUIN**

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO **SET THE TABLE**?

1. **Connect with** _____ **TYPES.**

2. **Connect with** _____ **TYPE.**

Revelation 3:19–22 NLT

I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and **turn from your indifference.**²⁰ "Look! I stand at the door and knock. **If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.**"²¹

Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.²² "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO **SET THE TABLE?**

- Share **whatever** you can!
- Shift a seat, save a seat, share your seat.
- **Show genuine interest** in their name, their life, their story.
- Show generosity, buy them a coffee, **save them a donut**, show them around.
- Exchange **contact details**.
- Invite them **into the rooms you've joined**, introduce them **to others**.
- If you don't have something nice to say...

here are some people you can start inviting today:

barista, cousin, mechanic, teacher, neighbor, photographer, doctor, gym, buddy, realtor, coworker, nanny, plumber, old friend, coach, cashier, sibling, designer, dentist, dog-walker, client, uncle, server, classmate, physical therapist, boss, coffee shop regular, grandparent, electrician, school parent, artist, pharmacist, childhood friend, accountant, roommate, hair stylist, restaurant manager, aunt, personal trainer, mail carrier, former-coworker, babysitter, attorney, running partner, veterinarian, parent, bartender, customer, music teacher, sister-in-law, house-cleaner, bank teller, someone at the gym, chef, niece, contractor, new friend, nurse, soccer parent, videographer, landlord, best friend, tutor, insurance agent, dog groomer, college friend, handyman, receptionist, nephew, baker, someone on your street, former boss, massage therapist, vendor, baseball parent, car salesperson, professor, property manager, someone at the park, employee, nail technician, financial advisor, delivery driver, little league coach, business partner, dry cleaner, workout partner, someone from your kids' school, uber driver, pool cleaner, former classmate, dance parent, barber, musician, gardener, lyft driver, pta parent, chiropractor, pet-sitter, restaurant regular, dj, someone who just moved to town, someone you haven't talked to in years

here are a few tips on how to invite:

remember the ruin you used to live in!
keep invitation cards handy
don't get discouraged by a "no"
make it a goal (5 invites a day)
make it a habit (this is just what I do now)
don't only invite on Saturdays
don't only invite to church!
plan a specific thing and invite them along
(game night, hiking, shopping, bbq, hunting, picnic)
get their info!
follow up as soon as you leave the conversation
invite EVERYONE because ANYONE could be hurting more than you know

PASTOR NATE PHRASES:

"Have you gone to church much or would that be a new thing for you?"

"Would that be weird or would you be willing to try it out?"

"If you're willing to join me I'll warn you about all the stuff that might be strange."