

Our Call to Invite Our Jerusalem! Reach Pt. 1

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Reach: Living Life On Mission, Pt.1

Acts 1:8, ... you will be My witnesses in **Jerusalem**, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Luke 14:1-23

We Are Inviting People To God’s Grace, Forgiveness & Salvation:

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. 18 Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s One and Only Son.

What This Story Teaches Us About Inviting Others:

-MOTIVATED: Jesus Told This Parable To Motivate Those Who Were Content With Their Place At The Table Of God’s Grace

Luke 14:23, When one of **those at the table** with Him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

-WELCOMING: God’s People Should Always Invite Guests

Luke 14:16, Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and **invited many guests**.

-PREPARED: Everything Needs To Be Ready & Organized

Luke 14:17, *At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘**Come, for everything is now ready.**’*

-REALISTIC: People Always Make Excuses For Not Coming

Luke 14:18, *“But they all alike began to **make excuses**. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ 19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ 20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’*

-CONTINUAL: Excuses Don’t Stop Us From Inviting Others

Luke 14:21, *“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘**Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.**’*

-PURPOSEFUL: There Is Always More Room In God’s House

Luke 14:22, *“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but **there is still room.**’*

-STRATEGIC: Who, Where & How We Invite Is Ever-Changing

Luke 14:23, *“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and **compel** them to come in, so that my house will be full.*

Who Does The Inviting?

2 Corinthians 5:20, *We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

Take Away:

-Write down the names of 3 people you will start praying for and inviting to church:

-Go to the Mission Wall OR Text “SERVE” to 77978 and sign up for:

-Children’s Team-Serving in the Children’s Ministry

-Community Outreach-Serving our Community

-Connections Ministry-Parking, Door Greeter, Welcome