

EVERYone

Week 1: Every Tribe

Luke 14:16-24

¹⁶Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

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.'

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.'

²²"Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

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. ²⁴I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

"You BELONG and your PRESENCE matters!"

Where do you need to RECEIVE this truth?

How do you need to live this out for the sake of OTHERS?

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

Have you ever received an unexpected but exciting invitation? What was it; how did it feel to be included in that opportunity?

Read Luke 14:1-24

:: How do you think the healing toward the beginning of the passage is related to the story Jesus tells about the banquet? What do both of these reveal about God's heart for us and desire to see us thrive with him?

:: What do you think is significant about how much room there is at the banquet in the story (that the servant was told to "go out to the roads and country lanes" to get more people to come in)?

Read Galatians 3:26-29 and Deuteronomy 10:17-19. What sticks out to you? How do you see the idea of "You belong and your presence matters" in these passages?

Pastor Jeremiah said "a tribe is a connected group where we share in **who we are for**; tribalism is rallying with others around **who and what we are against**."

:: What was helpful or challenging in that?

:: What are evidences we're living into the greater tribe of Jesus?

:: What are indicators we may be moving into tribalism?

What were your answers to the two action questions today (Where do you need to receive this truth/Where do you need to live this out for the sake of others?)?

Find someone to pray for you and check in on you as you do this.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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