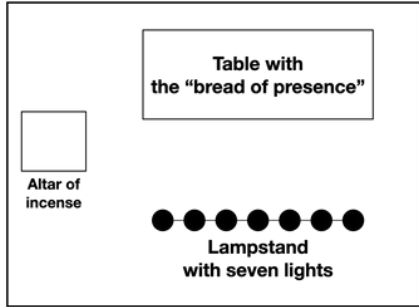




Week 1 - There Has Always Been a Table

**God wants us to live in
HIS PRESENCE.**



The Holy Place

LEVITICUS 24:5-8

Take the finest flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. Arrange them in two stacks, six in each stack, on the table of pure gold before the Lord. By each stack put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be a food offering presented to the Lord. This bread is to be set out before the Lord regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant.

There is a PLACE FOR YOU.

LUKE 14:16-24

A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, "Come, for everything is now ready. 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." Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me." Still another said, "I just got married, so I can't come." 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." "Sir," the servant said, "what you ordered has been done, but there is still room." 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. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet."

There is a place for _____.

HOW TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a 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:

What is a unique way you've seen a table used? What is your favorite "at the table" moment or activity?

Read the parable in Luke 14:16-22

- What sticks out to you? What challenges you?
- What do you think is the significance of verse 24 in the story?
- What might all of this reveal about God's invitation for us to belong and know his presence?

Pastor Jeremiah pointed out that the first "table" we see in the Bible is the Tabernacle table with the "bread or presence"--indicating God has always desired and planned for us to experience the fullness of his presence.

- What does this say about how we can/should approach God?
- How does it help you to know God not only wants to be present with you, but designed you for presence with him?

Who were you reminded "there is a place for"?

- What does it look like to invite them to your table? To encounter God's presence?
- What is one thing you can do this week to create space for that person?

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