

WE EXIST FOR THOSE NOT HERE YET

LUKE 14:12-24

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¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” ¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

1. **It is not our job to keep _____! We are called to _____ people to come to know _____!**
2. **WE WANT THE _____ TO BE OUR _____!**
3. **Think about what we are asking people to believe. The Gospel calls people to “_____!” We should not make coming to Jesus any more _____ than it is by adding man made rules/traditions.**

ACTS 15:19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

4. **We _____ by _____ of _____.**

MATTHEW 28:18-20

5. **Existing for _____ should affect _____ we do!**

And equally as important, existing for those not here yet affects everything we DON'T do!

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1. **It is not our job to keep church people happy! We are called to compel people to come to know Jesus!**
2. **WE WANT THE GOSPEL TO BE OUR OFFENSE!**
3. **Think about what we are asking people to believe. The Gospel calls people to “come and die!” We should not make coming to Jesus any more difficult than it is by adding man made rules/traditions.**

ACTS 15:19; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

4. **We glorify God by making disciples of all nations.**

MATTHEW 28:18-20

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