

Sermon Discussion Questions for November 10, 2019

Jesus at the Party – Luke 14:16-24

Who will be in attendance at God's Banquet at the end of the age?

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
 2. What makes someone resistant to the gospel when the message is clear and the reward is so great? How hard is it to admit we are lost and without hope and in need of salvation?
 3. How does pride get in the way of asking God for help? How do people respond when asked if they are "sinners in need of a savior"? What if we say, "God can give you freedom from guilt, forgiveness, rest and peace about death?" Does that help explain the salvation offer in more applicable terms?
 4. Do people like to wait on God's fulfillment of His promise to have a new heaven and earth (be free of pain, crime, and suffering) with a great heavenly gathering of all believers at the end of time as we know it? Let's simplify the question: Do people like to wait on anything?! How does God use waiting to intensify and strengthen our faith? Do you have any examples?
 5. How much time do you spend celebrating God's goodness and mercy upon your life? What things demand most of your time? Are they eternal in significance? How can you reorder things to ensure eternal things (Worship, Thanksgiving, Prayer, Meditation, Reading the Bible, Sharing your Faith verbally and thru actions) are prioritized?
 6. Read and meditate on the following quote from C.S. Lewis: "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with drink and sex and ambition, when infinite joy is offered us...like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday by the sea. We are far too easily pleased." "The Weight of Glory"
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

