

The Great Feast
One Voice One Purpose - Part 6
January 30-31, 2020
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Luke 14:15-24

Series Key Verse: *"Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Romans 15:6 (p.868)

"Jesus replied with this story: 'A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.'" Luke 14:16–17 (p.797)

• **Jesus Came For All.**

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (p.811)

1. Go.

"So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'" Luke 14:23 (p.797)

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (p.760)

2. Invite.

"The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'" Luke 14:21 (p.797)

3. Let them decide.

"But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'" Luke 14:18-20 (p.797)

"After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.'" Luke 14:22 (p.797)

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ONE VOICE

Discussion/Groups Guide from the Weekend Talk

From the Weekend Talk of January 30-31, 2021

One Voice One Purpose - Part 6: The Great Feast

Life Groups use these questions to go deeper into what we talked about this weekend. Dig into them so you will be ready for the discussion at your Life Group. If you are not in a Group, find out more at www.alivechurch.com/groups.

You can also use this guide to discuss the Talk with your family or friends.

Conversation Starters

- Who are you rooting for in the Super Bowl? The Chiefs or the Buccaneers?
- What are events or occasions or gatherings to which people often invite other people?
- Who was the first person that invited you to church?
- Many studies have discovered that most people would respond favorably to an invitation to come to church—but they often have never been asked. Was that you? Have you ever been reluctant to invite someone, but when you finally did, they accepted your invitation?

Quick Review

- Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that stood out or maybe even confused you?

Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Refer to the Talk Notes and related Bible verses from this Weekend's Talk Notes.

Jeff encouraged us to remember One Thing this weekend: "Jesus Came For All." (See John 3:14-17 (p.811*); Romans 15:8-13 (p.868*))

- The John 3:14 reference to Moses is from Numbers 21:9.
- Why do you think John 3:16 is the most quoted verse in the Bible?
- Who approached Jesus in John 3? What was his position? Why is that significant?
- Why is verse 17 important to connect with verse 16?
- Romans 15:8-13 speaks to the expanded scope of Jesus' sacrifice.
 - Read the passage—especially the prayer in verse 13.
 - Pray this prayer for yourself and your group. You might want to pray this prayer for someone you seek to share your faith with. For example:
 - *"God, I pray that You, the source of hope, will fill (person's name) completely with joy and peace because they trust in You. Then I pray he/she will overflow with*

confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

(Romans 15:13 personalized into a prayer)

Jeff also challenged us to follow three basic principles to follow in telling others about Jesus:

1. **Go.** (Luke 14:23 (p.797*); Matthew 28:19-20 (p.760*))

- Matthew 28:19-20 is known as The Great Commission (Co-Mission).
 - The verb "go" is a passive voice verb, implying a sense of "as you go" to the command to "make disciples" which is the strong verb imperative. But "go" can mean "go in a purposeful way" as well.
 - Either way, we are called to GO and to have a purpose when we go, 'MAKE DISCIPLES.'
 - What does it mean to you to "make disciples?"
 - In whose authority are we to "go?"
 - How long will He be with us? How does that affect your motivation or desire to do as Jesus says?

2. **Invite.** (Luke 14:21 (p.797*))

- Here's a little bit of commentary about this verse from the Life Application New Testament Commentary:
 - *This story would seem scandalous to Jesus' audience. No ancient wealthy person would ever invite the poor. This startling statement told Jesus' hearers that God's kingdom is especially for the poor. The words "make them come" do not mean to use force, but rather to not take no for an answer. Surely such people would need to be compelled to accept such an invitation; they were not used to being wanted at such an occasion. Not a morsel of food was to go to waste. If the previously invited guests would not accept the hospitality of the master, then he would invite those who would.*
- How might this scenario play out in a modern setting?
- Who can you invite?
 - Pray for them in your Group!

3. **Let them decide.** (Luke 14:18-20 (p.797*); Luke 14:22-23 (p.797*))

- How do we sometimes "answer for" other people?
- NHL Hall of Famer Wayne Gretsky famously said, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
 - How does this principle relate to inviting people?

Digging Deeper

Have you ever shared your faith with someone? It's a pretty cool thing to do and, by the way, is a command from Jesus (see great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 above).

- In our Foundations classes, we teach a simple process for sharing your faith without freaking out! It involves three simple steps. Here is the quick version!

1. Invest in a relationship: find common ground. (See 1 Corinthians 9:21-23 (p.875*))
2. Initiate a spiritual conversation. (See Colossians 4:5-6 (p.904*))
3. Explain why you believe what you believe with YOUR story. (See 1 Peter 3:15-16 (p.936*)).
 - Use this simple outline to tell YOUR story:
 - My life BEFORE becoming a Follower of Jesus ("BC") (1 minute)
 - The circumstances surrounding my taking the step of faith to become a Follower of Jesus. (1 minute)
 - How my life is different as a result of my now being a Follower of Jesus ("AD"). (No more than 2 minutes. 1 minute is better.)

FYI: We have a three-week Cycle of our **Foundations Classes** beginning Sunday, February 14 at 2:00pm. Class 2 & 3 are on February 21 and 28 at the same time. Let us know if you are interested! www.alivechurch.com/foundations

Next Step

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- Use the link on the app or go to your Connection Card at www.alivechurch.com/card to indicate you are taking this Next Step so that we can pray for you.

What's Ahead

- **Football Sunday is THIS WEEKEND, February 6/7.**
 - Sign up for in-person services at www.alivechurch.com/football
- **Our next Series begins February 13-14: "Back to Basics,"** as we talk about Love, Sex, and Dating.
- **Be sure to register online for in-person services.** To help us maintain attendance and social distancing recommendations from the CDC and state and local officials, we ask that you please register online for you and your family and guests.
 - Go to www.alivechurch.com/service
- **Have you signed up for our Alive Church Newsletter?**
 - Sign up here: www.alivechurch.com/newsletter

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