

## **Build This House Part 5 “House Party”**

### **Message Recap**

#### **I. What Kind of Party?**

When we walk into a party, there is an immediate feeling that we get. Some are fun, warm, and inviting. Others are dull, cold, and standoffish and we cannot wait to leave. But sometimes there are parties so great that we lose track of time completely and we stay all night. In Luke 14:15-24, Jesus talks about a party that everyone is invited to. It is a party that, once you enter, you never want to leave. God himself set the menu and made all the preparations and He sent invitations to the entire human race. Jesus made a way for everyone through His sacrifice on the cross. And He is asking us to help him fill the party. He wants us to draw a “bigger circle” and invite everyone we know to come and join. Matthew 5:13-14 tells us that we are to be salt and light. In other words, we are to bring flavor to the party and help others to find their way there. Who are we inviting?

#### **II. What Holds Us Back From Joining The Party**

1. **Guilt** - I need to “clean up” before I come to God
2. **Busyness** - I’ll get around to it when I have time
3. **Misplaced Priorities** - The party is not a priority. I have \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **Self-Righteousness** - I don’t need to go to that party. I am fine without it.

#### **III. Reasons We Do Not Invite Others**

1. **Busyness** - I have so much to get done(maybe even at Church)
2. **Judging** - I don’t feel comfortable having them around
3. **Selfishness** - I am going to enjoy myself and not worry about those who are not here.
4. **Content With Who Is Here** - I like the crowd that is around me.

#### **IV. 3 Ways God Will Use Us**

1. **We Are Invited and We Accept His Invite**
2. **We are Equipped With His Word To Live It Out**
3. **We Are Commissioned and Empowered To Share The Invitation With Others**

### **Read and Discuss**

#### **Read Luke 14:15-24**

1. Why does God invite everyone to the banquet?
2. Do you remember when you were first invited? Who invited you or how were you invited?
3. What are some things in life that can keep us from attending?

#### **Read Matthew 5:13-14**

1. What purposes does salt have? How has your “flavor” helped you invite someone to the banquet?
2. How can we be a light/“city on a hill” each day? What can cause us to hide our light?

**Luke 14:15-24**

15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At 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. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

**Matthew 5:13-14**

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.