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SUNDAY SERMON OUTLINE & STUDY NOTES

TRUE HOSPITALITY

MAKE ROOM AT THE TABLE

Anniversary Season Series

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THEME SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:22-23 (NLT)

"'Sir,' the servant reported, 'what you ordered has been done, and there is still room for more.' 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.'"

BIG IDEA

The goal is not merely to get people into the building.

The goal is to welcome them into the family.

Anyone can fill a room.

Only the love of Christ can build a family.

Visitors should not feel like guests.

They should feel like they have come home.

SERIES REVIEW

Throughout this week we have been preparing our hearts for Family & Friends Day and our Anniversary Celebration.

Thursday

I SEE THEM

John 4:35

Before we can welcome people, we must first see people.

Friday

I REACH THEM

Luke 19:5

Before people experience our hospitality, we must move toward them.

Saturday

I BRING THEM

John 1:41-42

Andrew brought Peter to Jesus.

We are called to invite others into an encounter with Christ.

Sunday

I WELCOME THEM

Luke 14:22-23

The invitation is not complete until people are welcomed.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever walked into a room where everyone knew each other except you?

You were present.

But you didn't feel included.

You were invited.

But you didn't feel welcomed.

Many people experience church exactly that way.

Jesus never intended for people to merely attend church.

Jesus intended for people to become family.

The Kingdom of God is not a club.

It is a family.

The Church is not a gathering of strangers.

It is a gathering of brothers and sisters in Christ.

LESSON ONE

GOD'S HOUSE ALWAYS HAS ROOM

Luke 14:22

"There is still room for more."

The servant completed his assignment.

People came.

Seats were filled.

Yet there was still room.

The heart of God is always expanding.

The Kingdom is always reaching.

The invitation is always open.

Application

God is still calling:

- The lost
- The broken
- The wounded
- The forgotten
- The overlooked

No matter where someone has been, God's invitation remains open.

LESSON TWO

HOSPITALITY REFLECTS THE HEART OF GOD

Romans 15:7

"Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory."

Jesus welcomed us before we deserved it.

Jesus loved us before we changed.

Jesus received us before we had everything together.

True hospitality reflects the grace we have already received.

Hospitality Is:

- Seeing people
 - Valuing people
 - Including people
 - Loving people
 - Making room for people
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LESSON THREE

WE ARE NOT BUILDING A CROWD

WE ARE BUILDING A FAMILY

Crowds gather.

Families connect.

Crowds attend.

Families belong.

Crowds consume.

Families contribute.

Crowds watch.

Families participate.

The mission of Ekklesia is not attendance alone.

The mission of Ekklesia is transformation.

Discussion

What makes someone feel like family?

- Being noticed
 - Being known
 - Being valued
 - Being loved
 - Being included
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LESSON FOUR

EVERY MEMBER IS A HOST

Many people believe hospitality belongs to greeters.

Scripture teaches hospitality belongs to believers.

Hebrews 13:2

"Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers..."

Every believer is:

- A representative of Christ
- A Kingdom ambassador
- A minister of reconciliation

Hospitality is not a ministry department.

Hospitality is discipleship in action.

LESSON FIVE

MAKE ROOM

Making room requires intentionality.

Making room means:

- Sharing our attention
- Sharing our time
- Sharing our conversations
- Sharing our tables
- Sharing our lives

The Kingdom grows when we create space for people to encounter Christ.

THE EKKLESIA ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE

Every Member:

See One

Who is God asking you to notice?

Pray For One

Who needs your prayers?

Reach One

Who needs encouragement?

Invite One

Who needs an invitation?

Welcome One

Who needs to feel like family?

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Follow Jesus.

Reach1

Love People.

Bring1

Invite Someone.

TeachEvery1

Make Disciples.

PROPHETIC CHALLENGE

There is still room.

That means God is not finished.

That means somebody you overlooked is still on His heart.

Jesus never built a church around status.

He built a family around grace.

And if we are going to look like Him, we must make room.

Room for the broken.

Room for the unfamiliar.

Room for the searching.

Room for the hurting.

Room for the person who does not fit the usual pattern.

Because Kingdom hospitality is not about impressing people.

It is about welcoming people.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How does biblical hospitality differ from simply being friendly?

2. Who has God placed on your heart to invite?

3. What can you do to help visitors feel welcomed at Ekklesia?

4. How can our church better reflect the heart of Christ through hospitality?

5. What does "There's still room for more" mean to you personally?

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 14:23 (NLT)

"Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full."

CLOSING DECLARATION

I will see them.

I will pray for them.

I will reach them.

I will invite them.

I will welcome them.

Because the mission of Ekklesia is not simply to grow a crowd.

The mission of Ekklesia is to grow a family that reflects the image of Christ Jesus.

And that is what true hospitality looks like.

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15th Anniversary Theme:

"Connecting With Purpose: One Body, Many Parts, Fifteen Years United in Christ."

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