



NOTIFICATION WEEK 2: YOU HAVE AN INVITATION TO -COME AND EAT

WELCOME

Which famous person would you have loved, or would love to invite to your dinner party and why?
Which biblical character would you also love to eat with? (You can't say Jesus!)

WORD

The Bible speaks about food or eating over a thousand times. It is a central theme because:

“It's not just about what we are eating, it's who we are eating with!”

Read Luke 14: 7-24

The Roles:

Who do you suppose the people listening to Jesus thought these people represented:

- the man who gave the banquet
- the guests who were initially invited
- the servant
- those who eventually attended the feast

Who do you take them to refer to now?

Which role might you see yourself?

The Excuses:

How is each excuse ridiculous?

What similar excuses may people give today?

What excuses do we have or do we use?

Final questions:

Are you just following Jesus or are you following and eating with Him? What may be preventing you today from enjoying that intimacy with Him? What might we need to be eating from his wide menu at the moment? (e.g mercy, grace, acceptance, love etc)

- Do you need to change anything about who you feel may need an invitation?
- Are there people you feel aren't on the invitation list or don't deserve an invitation?
- How has our expectation been challenged by this story?
- Does it make you want to change anything about your attitude to who is ready or not ready to accept?
- Part of the focus of this series is the power of invitation we each have at our disposal...

Who are you praying for that doesn't know Jesus and what are you inviting them to?
Pray for those people by name, hold each other accountable and together let's use the power of invitation!