

# *the invitation*

## **The Invitation, Pt. 3: Include**

The church is meant to be a place filled not only with VIPs, but with every type of person, where we are all welcome and beloved. Each person we meet is worthy of love and needs to find the radical inclusivity of the Kingdom of God. In order to make this happen, the church needs to be a community of people who are on mission together so that more and more people accept Jesus' invitation and find their way back to God because everyone is included in Jesus' invitation.

**Bottom Line:** Everyone is included in Jesus' invitation to find your way back to God.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever planned a large event? If so, what was it? What was planning it like?
2. Why would you want to invite someone to church? What are you hoping they experience?
3. **Read Luke 14:12-24**, what stood out to you? What struck you? This parable is an analogy about a banquet and the Kingdom of God, what does it tell us about the Kingdom of God?
4. What does it mean to you to be included and loved? What actions or feelings help you feel that way? How can we become that?
5. What's holding you back from asking your "Five" to church and/or small group?
6. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
7. How can the group encourage you this week?

**Challenge!** Make a commitment to come to church for six weeks in a row, to be intentional and present. Then commit to praying for every seat to be filled with someone who needs to hear God speaking to them! Pray for your commitment and for opportunities to help fill the each seat with someone who needs the same thing you found here – love and acceptance.