

“Who Should I Invite to My Party?”

Rev. Larry W. Tieman, Senior Pastor
Immanuel Lutheran Church
April 3, 2016

Goal: That the hearers may rejoice in their dual status as guests and hosts in the Kingdom of God.

I. JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO BE G_____

A. Don't Take the Place of H_____ (v. 8)

1. It is easy to think w_____ of ourselves.
2. And not to think of o_____ at all.
3. We shouldn't be i_____ at all.

B. F_____ Humility is Often Used to Elevate Ourselves

C. Spiritual Maturity is About Pleasing G_____

1. Jesus wants us to f_____ ourselves.
2. Attitude is e_____.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing.” (Philippians 2:5)

Memory Verse:

“When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.” (Luke 14:12)

II. JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO BE H_____

A. A Good Host Shares His B_____

1. S_____
2. M_____

B. Your R_____ is in the Life to Come

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” (vv. 13-14)

C. The Table Before Us Reminds Us of Our R_____

1. The place of honor is not o_____.
2. There are places for every s_____.

A payer to remember: May our great God keep our eyes from the confusion that comes with looking too much at ourselves. May He keep us focused on the daily and lifelong opportunities He sets before us to be His hosts and His guests in the kingdom!

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- Memorize Luke 14:12.
- Prayerfully consider who you will invite into your life.
- Commit to attending next week to learn more about “what we own and what owns us.”