



ONE at a time

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HAD TIME for THE
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM THIS CURRENT SERIES:

WEEK - 7: ONE PARTY AT A TIME

Party's are fun, joy-filled - they mean we're celebrating something. The Beastie Boys sang that we have to "fight for your right to party" and while their understanding of "party" was probably different than Jesus - He would agree! Jesus saw parties as an avenue to meeting Him and experiencing real and lasting peace, wholeness and joy!

Celebrating others - one at a time points to Jesus!

THINK ABOUT THESE ...

1. What's the best party you were ever at? Why were you invited in the first place?
2. In John 2 Jesus was invited to a wedding. Ever wondered why He was invited? Why do you think He was invited?
3. What does Jesus' invitation to the wedding and His acceptance of the invitation tell us about His relationships?
4. When was the last time you attended a party that you didn't host?
5. **Read Luke 5:27-32** What does Jesus mean by calling these people sinners?
6. Do you think *association mean approval*? What does Jesus show us about this in accepting the invitation to eat at Matthew's (Levi) house?
7. Do you feel reluctant to accept an invitation to those who aren't Christians? Why or why not?
8. What does a reluctance to party have to say about our idea of God or our identity in God?



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THINKING REVOLUTIONARY ...

Imagine a world where every Christian regularly attended the parties of unchurched people—as Jesus did in this story.

How might that change our churches?

How might it change our world?

Here is a practical prayer to use this week:

Jesus, remind us of who we are in you so that we can reflect your love with authenticity to others. Amen.

READ AND THINK ABOUT THESE WORDS:

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 5 verses 30-32