
Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

Acts 8:1-11:18

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO OUR CHURCH?

Matthew 9:10-13/ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11/ 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

- ❶ The people Jesus keeps inviting: _____
- ❷ The kind of people who are already here: _____
- ❸ The weird irony: _____!

4 SURPRISE INVITEES TO THE EARLY CHURCH

- ❶ A group of spiritual _____ called Samaritans.
Acts 8:1-25/ John 4:1-22/ Acts 1:8
- ❷ An Ethiopian _____.
Acts 8:26-40/ Deuteronomy 23:1
- ❸ An _____ named Saul.
Acts 9:1-31/ Acts 7:55-8:3
- ❹ A gentile _____ named Cornelius.
Acts 10:1-11:18

LESSONS FOR TODAY

- ❶ If we hide in our holy huddles – _____.
Acts 1:8 & 8:1-4/ Matthew 5:13-16/ Acts 11:19-21
- ❷ Never treat God's _____ as an _____.
2 Timothy 2:24-26/ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- ❸ Reach out to _____ people & you'll find _____ people.
Matthew 9:10-13/ 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Home Fellowship Questions

1. If you had to watch one television program for one hour every day for one week and it couldn't be ESPN (sorry sports fans) what would it be and why?

2. Growing up, can you think of a time when you saw someone who was usually on the fringe accepted or included because of the efforts of one person reaching out?

3. This week's sermon was titled "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Was there any one point, comment or verse that particularly challenged or confused you or caught your attention?

4. It's no surprise that it can be challenging to reach out to or accept those who are different or have a belief system contrary to our own. Read 1 Timothy 1:12-16. How does the Apostle Paul's understanding of his past and what God did for him impact his viewpoint of others?

5. Living alongside those who are opposing God can be tricky. How do we honor God and reach out at the same time? Daniel is an amazing example of someone who did just that. He found himself in a situation where the government system and ruler were completely opposed to God. As you read part of Daniel's story in Daniel 6:1-5 what are some of the ways he continued to have influence in this kind of hostile environment?

Can you think of what it would look like for a person to have influence like Daniel in a modern-day workplace, school or home that is closed off to God and His plan?

6. What instructions does Jesus give us in Matthew 5:43-46 when it comes to inviting and welcoming everyone to the "dinner"?

What are some potential reasons that make it difficult to follow these instructions?

Looking back at this week's message and study what point do you feel is most important for you to remember and why?