

Vision: Loving Others Through Hospitality

One of the greatest difficulties we face as Christians in 2019 is overcoming the fear of personal evangelism.

As a result, the modern American church has turned inward, practicing a quiet faith, and interacting only with other Christians.

The great need today, just as in the 1st century, is for lost people to come into contact with the living Lord Jesus.

John 1:38-39

³⁸ And Jesus turned and saw them following, and *said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?” ³⁹ He *said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

John 1:46

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip *said to him, “Come and see.”

Matthew 11:28 ²⁸ “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Isaiah 55:1

“Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.

Psalms 34:8 ⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

The “go” of the gospel is compared to preparing a spiritual feast everywhere we go, and inviting others to the table.

Luke 14:16-18a, 20b-24 ¹⁶ But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; ¹⁷ and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. ²⁰ Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²² And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³ And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

Luke 14:12-14 ¹² And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and *that* will be your repayment. ¹³ But when you give a reception, invite *the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,* ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Psalms 78:19 ¹⁹ Then they spoke against God; They said, “Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

Psalms 23:5 ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Revelation 19:9

⁹ Then he *said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he *said to me, “These are true words of God.”

When we begin to invite people to come and see, and people begin to taste of the goodness of God.
The lost come to Jesus and become our brothers and sisters in Christ!