

Do What Jesus Did – Welcomed the People

Luke 9:10-17



An Inconvenient Welcome



- Luke 9:11 – Jesus and the disciples were trying to find a quiet place
- The crowd followed them! It was an interruption to their schedule
- Some interruptions are from God!
- Jesus welcomed the unpopular (Matthew 9:9-12)
- He sat with sinners and tax collectors
- Jesus said “The well do not need a doctor – I have come to call sinners to repentance!”
- Are you prepared to be inconvenienced by timing or the wrong people?

Messy Hospitality

- Luke 9:12-13 – People have been with them all day, time to – Send them away!
Times up!
- Jesus says no... “You give them something to eat”
- Maybe you think – “Jesus are you crazy”. Perhaps the disciples were tired, fed up!
- Hospitality can be messy – There were too many people, everyone was tired, not enough food.
- Even with the mess the disciples are obedient
- Church can be messy it is a hospital for the broken not a show for the perfect!
- Welcome must be authentic and genuine. It does not need to be perfect!





Just a little!

- They only had 5 Loaves and 2 Fish. We don't always have to provide everything, a huge banquet!
- We don't have to have plenty of people and lots of resources to accomplish things.
- Maybe you think you don't have enough, or your skill/ability is not much.
- Offer your little to God, He will multiply it!
- What could God do if we were all giving our time, talent, resources to Him. How much more would he be able to do? Fear often holds us back!



Conclusion



- Inconvenient Welcome – Are we willing to be inconvenienced? When the timing is out, or the person is wrong. Are we welcoming people that others would not want?
- Messy Hospitality – Can we offer what we have even if we feel like we are a mess or haven't had time to put things right
- Just A Little – You might feel you don't have much to offer or you aren't skilled enough. Give what you have, start where you are.. God does the multiplying!