

# Beyond Sunday

8.9.2026 — You Have a Place at God's Table

**And Now Help Someone Else Find Theirs** — Jeremiah Campos

## Gather

*These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.*

1. Think about a time you felt especially welcomed or included. What made you feel like you truly had a place?
2. Who is someone who has helped you find your place in a church, community, family, or group? What did they do that made a difference?

## Grow

*These questions guide your group through Scripture from Sunday's Sermon, helping us notice what God is revealing about His character, His people, and His mission.*

### Read Luke 14:15–24 — The Parable of the Great Banquet

#### 1. The Invitation — What do we learn about the host?

- What stands out to you about the way the host invites people to the banquet?
- Why do you think Jesus describes the invitation as a banquet rather than simply an event or gathering?
- What do the excuses in verses 18–20 reveal about the things that can compete with God's invitation in our lives?
- How does this passage challenge the idea that we earn our place at God's table?

#### 2. Making Room — Who is being invited?

- In verses 21–23, the invitation expands dramatically—from those who were originally invited to the poor, the marginalized, and those living on the roads and country lanes.
- What does this tell us about God's heart for people who may feel overlooked, excluded, or forgotten?
- Why do you think the master says, **"There is still room"**?
- Who might be considered "unlikely guests" in our churches or communities today?

### 3. The Preparation — Read Exodus 15:22–24.

Israel had just experienced God's miraculous deliverance through the Red Sea, yet three days later they found themselves without water and began to grumble.

- What was God teaching Israel through their wilderness experience?
- How might God use difficult or uncertain seasons to form **trust, identity, healing, dependence, and vision** in His people?
- Looking back over your own life, can you identify a season that God used to prepare or form you in some way?

### 4. Enlarging the Table — Read Mark 2:1–5.

- What do you notice about the determination of the four friends?
- What barriers stood between their friend and Jesus?
- What did the friends do when the crowd became an obstacle?
- What does this story teach us about the role we can play in helping others encounter Jesus?

### 5. The Big Picture

Across these three passages, we see a God who **invites, prepares, and makes room**.

- What do these stories reveal about God's character and His mission?
- What do you think it means for the church to see itself as a people who are "**setting the table**" for people who have not yet arrived?

## Give / Go

*These questions help us apply the sermon takeaways and consider how God is inviting us to respond.*

#### 1. How does the truth that you already have a place at God's table change the way you see yourself—and the way you see people who are not yet at the table?

#### 2. Who might God be asking you to help find their place?

Think about someone who may be disconnected, new, lonely, overlooked, or unsure whether they belong.

#### 3. What is one practical step you can take this week to "make room" for someone else?

It might be inviting someone to coffee, introducing someone to a friend, welcoming someone at church, checking in on someone who is isolated, or simply noticing someone who might otherwise be overlooked.

### A Faithful Step

**This week, ask God: "Who is one person You are inviting me to make room for?"**

Then look for an opportunity to extend an invitation.

# Prayer

*As we celebrate 75 years, we remember that we have inherited a table that others faithfully prepared before us. Now we are called to keep extending it.*

Spend a few moments praying together:

- **Thank God** for the people who made room for you and helped you find your place.
- **Thank God** for the ways He has prepared and formed PCC over 75 years.
- **Ask God** to reveal people who are looking for a place to belong.
- **Ask God** to give your group eyes to see barriers that keep people from encountering Jesus.
- **Ask God** for courage and creativity to help remove those barriers.

## Prayer Question

Who is one person or group of people your group can pray for this week as you ask God to help them find their place?

# Going Deeper

*If you are interested in exploring the themes of this week a little deeper, consider one of these resources:*

## PRACTICE: The Ministry of Hospitality

For one week, practice "**holy noticing**." Each time you enter a familiar space—a church service, workplace, neighborhood, coffee shop, or gathering—ask:

**Who might feel like they don't have a place here?**

Instead of simply noticing, take one small step toward that person. Introduce yourself. Ask their name. Invite them into conversation. Help them find their way. Hospitality begins with noticing.

## SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:12–14

Read the verses immediately preceding the parable of the Great Banquet. Jesus challenges His followers to welcome people who cannot repay them. Ask:

**What would it look like for my hospitality to be motivated by generosity rather than reciprocity?**

## BOOK:

*Simply Christian* by N.T. Wright <https://a.co/d/0ieMaJcW>

## VIDEO:

*The Parable of the Great Feast*. **Caffeinated Bible**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iaS2S9AuCE>