



# Party With a Stranger

Week of March 26-April 1

*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.*

## SERIES RECAP

When Jesus came, He initiated a whole new way of living that went against many of the cultural rules that existed in His day. Jesus was the ultimate rule breaker! Jesus showed us how to truly LOVE our neighbors.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Gathering together over a meal – a time-honored event for making and keeping friends. In this sermon, we learn the importance of this event and how Jesus turned it completely upside down – in short, breaking the rules.

## MAIN TEXT

Luke 14-15, Luke 5:27-32, Luke 15:1-2, Luke 7:31-34, Luke 14:7-11, Luke 7:36-47.

## GETTING STARTED

Have you ever been in a restaurant so crowded that you offered to share your table with strangers? Did you make friends with them, or keep to yourself?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Luke 15:1-2.
2. The Pharisees use this statement as an indictment. Why would Jesus do this?
3. Have you ever been criticized for the company you keep? What was your reaction to that?
4. Read Luke 7:31-34.
5. What is your reaction to these verses? How was John the Baptist like Jesus?
6. Read Luke 14:7-11.
7. Have you ever been the guest of honor at a dinner? What was that like? Have you ever mistakenly sat at the wrong seat (leader's) at a meeting?
8. Read Luke 7:36-38.

9. What kind of woman was this?

10. Read Luke 7:39-47.

11. How does Jesus confound Simon? What do you think Simon's reaction was to this?

12. What are some ways we can invite the uninvited?

13. What is God asking you to do?

## NEXT STEPS

How can you reach out to your neighbors in a way that can open doors to building a friendship and a relationship?

## DISCIPLES SHIFT STORY THIS WEEK

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The Parable of the Banquet – Luke 14:15-24

1. What kinds of events prevented invitees to not attend the banquet? What kinds of comparisons can you make to today? Why?
2. In this parable who is the host? Who are the invited guests?
3. Why does the host become angry? What does he do? What do you think of verse 24?
4. In this parable are you a guest, one who is later invited, or a servant? Why?
5. Who should you be?
6. What did you learn about man in this story?
7. What did you learn about God in this story?

## DISCIPLES SHIFT STORY NEXT WEEK

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