

Never Forget the 1 PART 4

Luke 14:16-23

MAIN TAKEAWAY

We all have a ministry and a calling on our lives. Before anything else, we have the ministry of reconciliation, which simply means to reconcile others to God. We do this by sharing our story, how we were **before meeting Christ, how we met Christ and how our lives have changed after meeting Christ.**

KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

1. **Matthew 4:19 KJV** And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men
 - a. Whoever we are following, we'll take on their characteristics and attitude. If we are truly following Christ, we will care about what He cares about: people.
 - b. Soul winning is a natural result of following Jesus.
2. **Mark 16:15 KJV** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
 - a. This is the **Great Commission**, and it is for every follower of Jesus.
 - b. We are to go into our world (our hobby, our job, our neighborhood) and share the Good News.
 - c. We must see ourselves soul winning to do it.
3. **John 13:34-35 KJV** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
 - a. This is the **Great Commandment**. We are to love the outcast, the forgotten, the unlovable with God's kind of love.
 - b. We are to ask God for a burden for the lost and a compassion.
4. **Luke 14:16-23 KJV** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; ¹⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. ²⁰At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. ²¹He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love

him, and will manifest myself to him. ²² Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? ²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

- a. Excuses will keep us from reaching our full potential, purpose, and all the God has called us to be.
- b. As long as we make excuses, we will live in denial and will not get our breakthrough.
- c. The first man invited was putting his **possessions** before God.
- d. The second man invited was putting his **profession** before God.
- e. The third man invited was putting his **family** before God.
- f. We must go out after the lost with a sense of urgency.

Lessons from Luke 14:16-23

- a. Stop witnessing to those that aren't ready.
- b. Don't just invite but bring.
- c. Look for the lonely, empty and broken.
- d. God wants His house full.
- e. Pray and ask for a burden and a compassion for the lost.
- f. Be ready to share your hope.

REFLECT & REVISIT

Go back and read **Luke 14:16-23**, reflect on the excuses that keep you from prioritizing God, whether it's busyness, career, family, or comfort. Ask yourself this question: **Who's out there that God has assigned to me to lead to a God who is for them?** Begin to pray daily, asking God to give you a burden and compassion for the one, to open your eyes to those who are hurting, lonely, and overlooked. This week, take a step of faith by inviting someone, bringing them with you to church, or sharing your story with them, remembering that never forgetting the one can change their life for eternity.