

Living Your Faith
A Marketplace Ministry
Luke 14:23

Introduction

The desire for relationship is something God placed within the heart of every person. It's inescapable. Relationship is a basic human need. It is a need that can only be met fully by God.

1. In Luke 14, there is an excellent illustration of how Jesus builds relationships with his followers through _____.
2. God has committed to us the task of going into the _____ of life to reach out with the news that Jesus Christ can make a person's life better than they ever dreamed possible.
3. All God asks of us is to tell our own _____; how we met Jesus and His impact on our faith journey.
4. No one else can tell your _____ like you can.
5. It's a story that _____ be told.
6. It is _____ because God only needs you to introduce others to Him.
7. It is _____ because those around us see us as an example and examine our faith in real-time.
- I. Every Person Is Important To God
8. Every person is important to God and His plan for reaching the _____ with the good news of the Gospel.
9. It's not only our ability but our _____ God chooses to use.
10. God always expects us to be _____.

11. God _____ everything needed for a person to come and feast at His table.
12. He invites _____.
13. Our God is a God of _____.
14. The servants are implored to be _____ in their efforts to fill the banquet hall.
15. Just because the Master is hosting a banquet does not _____ all the invited guests will attend.
16. Some think they have done enough if they just _____ out an invite or ask someone to come.
17. Others give a good effort right up to the moment they meet with _____ or excuses.
18. However, it is the servant that, having tried everything, is willing to go into the marketplace, the highways, and byways of life and _____ people to come in and fill the banquet hall.

II. Availability Is Crucial To Fulfilling God's Plan

19. God will always _____ us to do whatever needs to be done.
20. The servants knew his _____ was to fill the banquet hall with guests.
21. And they were _____ to achieving this goal.
22. They quickly responded with new invitations when they recognized that some guests might _____ the feast.
23. The servants now realize they need _____ from the Master himself.

24. The moment always comes when we _____ all available avenues and need help accomplishing the goal.

25. Sadly, many capable people just aren't available. For whatever reason, they choose not to get _____.

III. Obedience Is Essential To Fulfilling God's Command

26. The Master expects and relies on us to _____ the job.

27. Anyone and everyone should be _____ to come to faith in Christ.

28. Your first _____ should be given to those you know who are aware of God and the message of God's love.

29. Sadly, in these last days, some _____ seats remain in the banquet hall.

30. The success of God's plan of redemption rests upon the Master's _____.

31. Recruitment for the Feast has now been placed in our _____.
Conclusion

32. Christ expects us to go out into the "marketplace" of life and, with a sense of _____, tell people about God's love and plan to save.

33. The marketplace is your sphere of _____.

34. People need more than _____.

35. The more committed we become to Christ, the _____ our lives become.

36. Jesus never intended the church to be simply a place of _____.

The ultimate goal of Crossroads Chapel is to mentor believers to go to the places where they have influence – into the marketplace – to invite people to meet and know Jesus. This facility should exist primarily as a hub of equipping, teaching, and training believers to be effective witnesses for Christ in their world – in their marketplace – in their mission field.

Answers

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| 1. discipleship | 13. order | 25. involved |
| 2. marketplaces | 14. intentional | 26. complete |
| 3. story | 15. guarantee | 27. invited |
| 4. story | 16. text | 28. invitation |
| 5. must | 17. resistance | 29. empty |
| 6. profound | 18. compel | 30. provision |
| 7. persuasive | 19. empower | 31. hands |
| 8. world | 20. goal | 32. urgency |
| 9. availability | 21. committed | 33. influence |
| 10. obedient | 22. boycott | 34. words |
| 11. prepares | 23. direction | 35. better |
| 12. everyone | 24. exhaust | 36. entertainment |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever felt unqualified or inadequate to share Christ with your friends or family? Why? What can you do to help you feel more confident and qualified to share Christ?
2. What is your “story” for how you met Christ and how He has changed your life? How can sharing this story compel others to come to Jesus? Who do you know who needs to hear your story?
3. How often have you reached out with Christ’s invitation to someone you’ve never met because you sensed their need? Have you ever seen someone and felt you should share but didn’t? Why didn’t you share? What can you do to not pass up the opportunity in the future?