



Sermon Notes: A Party in The E.R.

1. A countercultural invitation.

2. A celebratory instinct.

3. A critical interrogation.

a. "Jesus, why do you like associating with sinners?"

b. "Jesus, why are you so cavalier toward the Law?"

4. A clarifying illustration.

a. Jesus is like a doctor who came to rescue the sick.

b. Jesus is like a groom who came to celebrate his bride.

5. A comprehensive identity.

6. A cautious inference.

Our lives and church culture must look like what Jesus is doing here in Luke 5.

True godliness demands compassion; and true compassion demands godliness!

a. What are you doing to make the church a safe place for sick, broken people to find all the healing they need in Jesus?

b. Will you go all in with Jesus and the Gospel?



Application Questions: Gutsy Faith

1. What did you do this week to get to Jesus? What did you do to get someone else to Jesus?
2. Who are the tax collectors of our day? Who is it that, by his/her vocation or lifestyle, is considered that filthy, that disreputable?
3. How would you feel about pursuing the types of people you listed in #2 and inviting them to attend church with you? How would you feel if a bunch of them actually started coming?
4. What do you think motivated the Pharisees' criticism of Jesus? Where/how do you see the same thoughts/attitudes functioning in the Church today?
5. If Jesus is a doctor who's come to heal the sick and a groom who's come to celebrate his bride...
 - who would you expect to find in the Church?
 - what kinds of things would you expect to see happening in the Church?
 - what would you expect to see stop happening in the Church?
6. In reference to the 3 parables of Luke 5:36-39, what are some things we try to fit Jesus into or add Jesus onto?
7. What are we really saying about the Gospel and Christ when we do #6?
8. Give at least one specific way you're doing #6 in your life. What would you need to do to replace that 50-50 (or 75-25, or 90-10) approach and go all in with Jesus?
9. What can you expect to see in your life if you trust Christ fully and approach him with an "out with the old, in with the new" type attitude?
10. What's one thing you could do this week to make your church feel less like a museum for saints or a pub for sinners and more like an E.R. for the sick and broken?