



SESSION 3 - INCLUDE

SERIES BIG IDEA

We want to be a community of people who are on mission together so that more and more people accept Jesus' invitation and find their way back to God.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Everyone is included in Jesus' invitation to find your way back to God.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:12-24

ICEBREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

Take this time to ease your group into talking, both by sharing something about their lives, but also by introducing the big idea via the opening thought. These are just suggestions though, so use your own best instincts about how to best do this in your groups.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read through the questions and allow your group to think on the text for a while. Remember that there are no right answers, so make sure to allow space for all observations. The banquet is set for each of us to come and enjoy the Kingdom of God. It might help to have people read it out loud two or three times or splitting it up between several people.

LIFE APPLICATION

These questions are designed to make everything practical. The NT Wright quote should get everyone thinking about how this is their responsibility to invite others to experience what they have experienced or what they're about to experience.

Make space for vulnerability in your group by perhaps going first with some of the things you are nervous about or sharing your list of Five. Inviting people to church will come easier for some people, give space and grace for that to occur. Above all, make sure your group knows that you are also asking your Five – that you're not asking them to do something that you aren't also doing! Together you can change lives!

CHALLENGE

Make a commitment to come to church for six weeks in a row, to be intentional and present. Then commit to praying for every seat to be filled with someone who needs to hear God speaking to them! Pray for your commitment and for opportunities to help fill the each seat with someone who needs the same thing you found here – love and acceptance.