



LUKE'S GOSPEL WEEK 3 STUDY: THE BRIDEGROOM

WARMING UP...

1. Discuss with each other the best banquet or party you have ever been to. What are the qualities of a good party and what do you miss about being able to have them right now?

DIVING IN...

READ LUKE 5:27-39

2. Jesus immediately began to break social and religious norms in his ministry. We see here the first indication of the kind of people Jesus chooses to minister to throughout his whole time on earth. What do you notice about the environment of people around Jesus at Levi's house?

3. When is the last time you dined with those who would be considered “not the usual church type”?
4. In what ways do you think that this scene at Levi’s house symbolises the Kingdom of God? (E.g. who is present? What is happening?)
5. In v30 the Pharisees present at the banquet question Jesus about his obvious display of festivity. This challenged their idea of “holiness”. On Sunday Michael Frost encouraged us to see how Jesus, though he was God incarnate, was able to be ‘holy’ whilst still dining and embracing sinners. How can we learn to embrace the “dirty, roughed up, edgy, earthy kind of holiness” that Jesus had?
6. In v33-39 Jesus is questioned about fasting. He presents himself as The Bridegroom who has come to inaugurate a great feast. How does this notion tie into the thoughts of another parable Jesus told in Luke 14:15-24?

BRINGING IT HOME...

7. Since Jesus, the Bridegroom, is not here physically today, can we still live as those who are in such a festive, inclusive kingdom?
8. How can you be intentional in being present with and reaching out to the “outsiders” this week?