The Ministry Is The People

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Luke 14:15-24, Luke 19:20, 2 Peter 3:9, Jude 1:22

And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

God made people because He loves people

God created people for companionship

Jesus came to solve the sin problem in mankind

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Luke 19:20

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

God doesn't send anyone to hell, people send themselves to hell

Somewhere, sometime, someway, in every person's life when they cry out to God "help me", God sees their need.

God has made it easy for anyone to accept Jesus

Compassion is God's love in action

Jesus had compassion on the woman at the well

Jesus had compassion on the woman with the issue of blood

Jesus had compassion on the blind men

Compassion connects the needy person with the heart of God

Jesus healed the multitude that were sick

Ministry is about the people

The mission of a New Testament church is still people

<u>Jude 1:22</u>

And of some have compassion, making a difference:

The gospel will work anywhere people are willing to work

The mission field starts right outside your front door.

God is looking for some people that are willing to make a deposit

No matter what your age bracket may be, people need church

God is looking for some fanatics