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Meals with Jesus

Discovering God's Blessings
Around the Table

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Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1-24

A white ceramic plate is centered in the frame, resting on a red and white checkered tablecloth. The plate is empty and has a simple, slightly raised rim. The text "The Guest List" is printed in a dark blue, serif font in the center of the plate.

The Guest List

The Excuses

A top-down view of a white ceramic plate centered on a red and white checkered tablecloth. The plate is empty and has a subtle rim. The text "Meals as Mission" is printed in the center of the plate.

Meals as Mission

Our Excuses

I want to control my life

I'm concerned about
others' opinions

I'm looking for fulfillment

I need to show I'm
valuable

Our Excuses

Who is God?

I want to control my life

GREAT: I don't have to be in control

I'm concerned about others' opinions

GLORIOUS: I don't have to fear others

I'm looking for fulfillment

GOOD: I don't have to look elsewhere for my satisfaction

I need to show I'm valuable

GRACIOUS: I don't have to prove myself

“Radically ordinary hospitality—those who live it see strangers as neighbors and neighbors as family of God. They recoil at reducing a person to a category or a label. They see God’s image reflected in the eyes of every human being on earth. They know they are like meth addicts and sex-trade workers. They take their own sin seriously—including the sin of selfishness and pride. They take God’s holiness and goodness seriously. They use the Bible as a lifeline, with no exceptions.

Those who live out radically ordinary hospitality see their homes not as theirs at all but as God’s gift to use for the furtherance of his kingdom. They open doors; they seek out the underprivileged. They know that the gospel comes with a house key. ...

“Radically ordinary hospitality shows this skeptical, post-Christian world what authentic Christianity looks like. ... It knows that people need to be rescued from their sin, not to be given pep talks about good choice making. It remembers that Jesus rescues people from their sin. Jesus rescued us. Jesus lives and reigns.”



Rosaria Butterfield,
The Gospel Comes with a House Key



- We are spiritually poor – with nothing to offer for our salvation
- We are spiritually crippled – made powerless by sin
- We are spiritually blind – unable to see the truth about Jesus
- We are spiritually lame – unable to come to God on our own

Tim Chester,
A Meal with Jesus





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