

Connecting to FRANK II

“Reaching, Connecting and Converting “F.R.A.N.K”

□ Friends

□ Relatives

□ Associates

□ Neighbors

□ Kids

“Inviting **the many**, to the Party”

Meals are frequently spoken of in the Bible from the Hebrew scriptures and the Christian scriptures.

Passover in the Hebrew Scriptures is a meal and communion, and the Lord’s supper is a meal.

Luke 9:10-17 – Jesus feeds a crowd of 5000 with five loaves, and two fish; twelve baskets of leftover food.

Everyone was happy because they were in the food desert.

Luke 11:37-52 – Jesus eats at the home of another Pharisee, who complains that Jesus didn't wash before the meal.

When the Privileged are called, “they didn’t know where their hands have been.”

Luke 14:1-24 – Jesus eats at a leading Pharisee's house; there He heals a man & teaches with several parables.

I

☐ Meals are a good place to connect.

☐ Meals are a good place to share.

☐ Meals are a great place to give instruction.

NLT Luke 14:12-14 Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “**don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors.**”¹³ For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, **invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.**”¹⁴ Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for **inviting those who could not repay you.**”

(Parable of the Great Feast)

NLT Luke 14:15-24 Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”¹⁶ Jesus replied with this story: “**A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.**”¹⁷ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘**Come, the banquet is ready.**’¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a **field** and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of **oxen**, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’²⁰ Another said, ‘I just got **married**, so I can’t come.’²¹ “The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘**Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.**’”²² After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still **room for more.**’²³ So his master said, ‘**Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.**’”²⁴ For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’”

The invitation generally goes out to those that are closest to us.

These are easy invitations to do because we have connectional relationships already.

Friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and kids are easy invites.

“80% of the people that come from the world into the church and receive Christ come because somebody invited them.” *Tom Rainer*

□The invitation goes out to all.

II

Excuses come from invitees and familiars.

□One of the familiars has bought a field.

□One of the familiars has brought multiple yokes of oxen.

□One of the familiars has just gotten married.

“When people give you excuses, begin to invite the many and others to the party” La Fayette Scales

“Invite the many to the party!”

III

The many and others are invited to Jesus’ party.

Others are those who generally don’t get an invitation.

Others of those who are generally left out.

□ I have discovered that many others are available to come if they are invited.

□ I have discovered that people that are invisible in the byways and that we ignore are available to go to the party.

□ I have discovered that people who are poor, crippled, lame, and blind respond because nobody ever invites them.

People who are poor, have nothing or little to offer us, invite them.

□ People who are injured and crippled need our assistance, invite them.

□ People who are lame and cannot walk upright, invite them.

□ People who are blind have no vision or have lost vision, invite them.

“Invite the many to the party.”

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