

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 9-18-2022**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Were you ever so thirsty that you drank something you normally would not? Tell us about it.

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Luke 14:1-24 "All Are Invited"

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Spence spoke of how the gospel is for "anyone and everyone." How do you feel about this gospel of salvation being even for those who don't deserve it? Why doesn't "anyone and everyone" accept this gospel?
2. Read John 7:37-39. What does Jesus say about "anyone who is thirsty?" How many people in your life have you witnessed as being "thirsty?" Do you have any examples you can share from your life of how they believed?
3. What creates "thirst"...or better yet, what keeps people from becoming "thirsty?"
4. Do you have a burden to share the gospel with others? Is your job as a believer to have a burden for "anyone and everyone" or should we be searching only for the "thirsty?"
5. Look back at Luke 14:15-24. Who are the poor, crippled, blind and lame Jesus is referring to (vs. 21)?
6. Who (out of the guests invited) do you relate to most in vrs 16-23, and why?
7. Who are the thirsty in your life that you may be able to persuade with the truth?

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?