

In the Margin– “Party Crashers and Party Poopers”

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 30-31, 2010

Community:

1. Have you ever been to a party and felt marginalized in some way or just didn't fit in?
2. Have you ever been to a party where someone who came was marginalized?

Core:

1. Read Luke 7:36 – 50 in your group.
2. Why did Simon the Pharisee invite Jesus to have dinner with him?
3. Why do you think Jesus accepted the invitation to go to Simon's house?
4. What is sin? Jim touched on that by pointing out it was an archery term.
5. Was the woman a sinner? From what Jim shared about context and culture in the story, what was most likely one of her sins?
6. Why didn't Jesus tell her she was a sinner?
7. Both Jim and Scott have talked about “religion” from time to time. What is “religion”? (hint: Pharisees)
8. How did Jesus interfere with the religion of the Pharisees?
9. With whom was Jesus most harsh – sinners or religious people? Why?
10. Are “religious people” sinners? What is that sin?

Challenge:

- 1) Pray for families that are struggling. Sometimes there is a fine line between praying and gossiping – just pray.
- 2) Pray for Shine (the big party). Pray for the guests and for the volunteers.
- 3) Continue to work on creating “margin” in your life and seek ways that “margin” can benefit others.



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