



REPLENISHED – Involvement Matters 16th May 2021 Mark Wiltshire

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

1. Why “involvement”? Why does involvement matter?
2. Read [Psalm 22:3](#)
3. Read [John 1:14](#)

Engage:

4. Read [Luke 14:1](#)
5. Can you imagine this scene? It was a set up... would Jesus “work” on a rest day? Yes, He healed a man – Jesus continually got involved with people.
6. Read [Luke 14:16-20](#)
 - **Many Invitations ‘Sent Out’ by God:**
 - Picture of Israel – Old Testament invitations
 - Picture of today – God continually invites people to come to Him
 - **Banquet Ready – Personal Invites come from God:**
 - For the Jews at the time this came directly from Jesus
 - For us today, Jesus comes to us (Gentiles) through His church and the work of the Holy Spirit
7. What were the excuses?

“You can always find a distraction if you’re looking for one.”

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8. Common Factors:
 - God Invites People (through others and work of Holy Spirit) – “Involvement Matters”
 - Invite is NOT always convenient and will always interrupt something!
 - What we invest in can consume our focus

Framework:

9. Read [Genesis 29:16-18](#)

10. Considering the stature and wealth of our Heavenly Father, what would be a fitting price for the bride of Christ (the Church)?

“Distraction comes when we buy into anything that becomes more important than God’s Kingdom.”
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11. Read [Luke 14:21-24](#)

12. Why was He furious?

13. What goes into making a great banquet?

➤ Detailed Preparation is always required, including:

- Cost in Time
- Pre-planning
- Event Setup
- Seating plan
- Menu selection
- Preparation Team
- Serving Team
- Entertainment
- Finances

None of the above can be done without people’s involvement.

“Get involved in something that you care so much about that you want to make it the greatest it can possibly be, not because of what you will get, but just because it can be done.”

Jim Collins (Author: ‘Good to Great’)

14. There are 2 kinds of Kingdom involvement:

- To respond to the invitation
- To be part of delivery (of the Banquet for others)

15. Read [1 Kings 10:4-6](#)

16. People will be drawn to you, but what will they see on closer examination?

17. Who is God already inviting to the banquet in your world?

18. Who could you invite?

19. Read [Ephesians 4:16](#)

20. What has been the biggest impact on you personally during lockdown?

21. What new thing would you want God to do in your life?

“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.”

Acts 2:1

- 120 believers were gathered (all involved) ([Acts 1:14](#))
- The Church was born – with a mission - to bring even more to the great banquet!