

**Introduction: Christians are called to be on mission**

*<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”*

John 13:34-35

The disciples turned the world upside down by \_\_\_\_\_ others  
and it's how we're called to change the world today.

Jesus' ministry was impactful because it flowed out of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ lets you know that you're really cared for.

### The “us vs them” mentality

*<sup>12</sup> 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. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. <sup>13</sup> Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”*

*<sup>15</sup> 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!”*

*<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. <sup>17</sup> When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’ <sup>19</sup> Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ <sup>20</sup> Another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ <sup>21</sup> “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.’ <sup>22</sup> After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ <sup>23</sup> 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.’”*

Luke 14:12-23

### The “one at a time” way of living in proximity means:

1. Being \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Loving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people.

3. Going to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ places.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Read John 13:34-35. What did Jesus say would be the defining mark of His followers? What does this look like on a practical, everyday level?
2. In his teaching Kyle mentioned there is power in proximity. Think of a time when someone showed up for you. What did they do for you? What was that like? How did their proximity impact you in that moment?
3. Read Luke 14:12-23. What are some of the excuses the people gave for not being able to attend the banquet? What are some excuses we use today, that keep us from living out the 'one at a time' principle?
4. Kyle talked about three ways we live in proximity with others: being present, loving overlooked people, and going to uncomfortable places. Which of these practices do you find comes the easiest to you? Which is the most difficult? What's one practical thing you can do this week to challenge yourself in this area?