

THE JESUS SCANDALS

Part 5: *The Offensive Parties*

Introduction – The Celebratory Heart Of God

Matthew 22:2-4; Luke 14:15-24; 15:25; Revelation 19:6-9
John 15:11; 17:13

Partying is _____.

Three Things A Religious Leader Wouldn't Do

1. Party with "_____".

Matthew 9:9-13 / Luke 5:27-32

To religious leaders, discipleship was a process of _____.
To Jesus, it was a process of _____.

Luke 19:10

2. Enjoy intimacy with a _____... in public.

Luke 7:36-50

3. Prioritize celebration over _____.

John 2:1-11
John 10:10
Matthew 11:16-19

THE RISK OF HOLINESS

RULE-BASED LIVING

PRINCIPLE-BASED LIVING

1 Thessalonians 5:22 – *Avoid the appearance of evil?*

1 Samuel 16:7
John 7:24
Matthew 9:13; Hosea 6:6

Conclusion – Rebel With A Cause

Luke 5:37-39; 19:10

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, perturbed, perplexed, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read Jesus' words about hosting parties in **Luke 14:12-24**. a) Within the context of Jesus' own day and immediate audience, (remembering his irreligious attitudes and actions), what do you think is the overall meaning of the parable in **verses 16-24**? b) In light of **verses 18-20**, what are some reasons why people today fail to accept God's invitation to his banquet? c) How can we as individuals and as a church family obey the principle of **verse 23**? d) What is one thing you could do to better obey the principles behind **verses 12-14**?
3. In the parable of the Prodigal Son (**Luke 15**), what do you think is the significance and implications of **verse 25** for us today?

SO WHAT?...

4. How well does your life reflect the celebratory heart of God? What is one thing you could adjust in your life to better reflect the joy of God's Kingdom?

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