

# Mark these two Special Events on Your Calendars:

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, March 6 Chili Jubilee

More information coming soon in your February Saltshaker & bulletins!

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GOD'S WORD THIS WEEK



19051 South Halsted St. | Glenwood, IL 60425

January 24, 2009      Worship Services      9:00am and 10:30am

TODAY'S MESSAGE: What Does It Mean to Become a Christian?

BROUGHT BY: Pastor Dave Izenbart

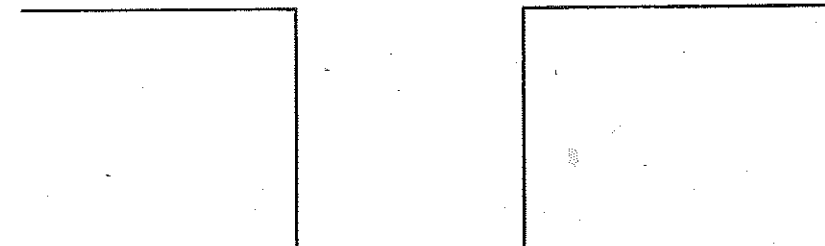
BIBLE BASIS: Luke 14:15-24

### Some Common Excuses Not to Go to the Party (become a Christian):

- I'm too \_\_\_\_\_.
- I don't \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- There is too much to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christians are just a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ enough.

### The 4 Most Important Words to Become a Christian:

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ you and invites you to his party.  
*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*  
*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23 NLT)*



2. The Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
*All have sinned and fall short of God's glorious standard. (Romans 3:23 NLT)*
3. The Solution = \_\_\_\_\_  
*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)*
4. The Decision = to \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of God.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Week of January 24, 2010

Community Groups exist to promote the development of significant Christian relationships centered around the study of God's Word and meet at various times and places throughout the week. *If you are not currently in a Community Group, stop by the Connection Booth or call the church office: 708-709-0100.*

### Breaking the Ice

1. How do you feel when someone declines your invitation to dinner?
2. What was one of your best birthday parties? How so?

**Romans 6:23:** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

### Digging In

3. Share the notes you took during Sunday's sermon. Did any of you have the same thoughts? What did you learn?
4. Read Luke 14:15-23 and discuss.
5. In this parable, who are the invited guests?
6. Why don't they come?
7. What happens to them?
8. Who eventually comes?
9. On what basis is one invited?
10. How might Jesus' servant fulfill the command of verse 23?
11. What does this parable teach about the Kingdom?

### Reflect

12. From your experience, why do so many say "No" to God's "banquet"?
13. What can you say or do to help people overcome their hesitation?

### Pray

14. Pray that God would enable you to share the "good news" with someone who has not yet joined the "banquet".

# The Journey

To assist in your daily readings, here are some questions to help reflect on what is being read each day. These questions will help you apply what is read to your life situation. It is our hope that this journey will help everyone grow in their spiritual development.

**January 25 – 30, 2009**

#### Deuteronomy 27

When the people went into the land they were going to possess, what were they to write on stones that were to be set up?

#### Deuteronomy 28

What could the people expect for being obedient to God's commandments? What could the people expect for not obeying God's commandments?

#### Deuteronomy 29

What had not worn out on the people in the forty years they were in the wilderness?

#### Deuteronomy 30

If the people turned back to God after all their punishment, what would he do for them? What were the easy choices they had to make?

#### Deuteronomy 31

Who would be the new leader of Israel after Moses?

What were the people to do at the end of every 7 years?

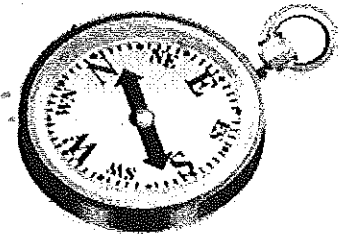
How did God know that Israel would rebel against him in the future?

#### Deuteronomy 32

What was the purpose for the song of Moses?

Who wrote the words to the song of Moses?

Why would Moses not enter into the promised land?



## The Journey

Is a 4 Year walk through the Bible that we are taking together. If you would like to join in, please fill out the blue card in the bulletin and bring it to the Welcome Center to pick up the Bible reading plan.