

# SOW: Season of Witness - Session 2: Parties

## GROUP QUESTIONS

*Matthew 9:9-13*

1. If eating with the lost is a sign of acceptance and welcome, how well are you doing at representing Jesus in your place of mission?
2. Are you in a relationship where you are influencing a non believer in a spiritual way? What's going well there?
3. How do we hang out with 'the bad crowd' without taking on their values and behavior?
4. Do you think the lost where you live, work, study, and play are spiritually hungry? Do you have an example of this?
5. If Jesus wasn't lying, or even misleading us, when He claimed that "*the harvest is plentiful*" and "*the fields are white for harvest*" (Matthew 9:37, John 4:35), why is this not our perception of reality?
6. How do you respond to the statement, 'People remember how you made them feel far more than they remember what you said'? What are the implications for how you share your faith?
7. Where do you allow lost or broken people simply to belong and be accepted as valuable and loved?
8. Are you more invitational or challenging in how you interact with the lost? How can you become more balanced in doing both well?
9. The goal of this session is that you will begin hosting (and attending) 'parties' in all their different forms with your friends who are far from Jesus..
  - First, share and pray together for each of your 3 names (from last week) of lost friends you're praying for daily.
  - Discuss what parties can look like for you and your household over the next 3 or 4 months.
    - Where do you need to step out in faith?
    - What resources do you need to set aside?
    - Who will hold you accountable for making a specific plan (dates, times, who to invite, etc)?