

Crossroads Covenant Church  
sermon-based small group discussion guide for January 20, 2019

**Getting to Know Us-** building intimacy in your shared group

1. When listening to music, what is your favorite instrument to try and pick out or focus on? Why is it your favorite?

**Getting into the Word-** digging deeper into the message

1. This week, Pastor Aaron testified about the urgency God impressed upon him to deliver this sermon, the urgency of the message of salvation for all. Read a prophetic warning about God's urgency in Jeremiah 26:1-6. How can we apply this warning for Israel to our urgent call for evangelism today?
2. Jesus engaged in personal, individual evangelism to the ultimate outcasts of His day: heathens, criminals, lepers, prostitutes, Roman occupiers, and national traitors. In our passage, Jesus calls Himself a physician, these outcasts "the sick", and the religious Pharisees and scribes "those who are well". If everyone needs salvation, why did Jesus use these terms?
3. Read the parallel passage to this week's message, found in Matthew 9:10-13, and then read Hosea 6:4-6. Matthew's account of this same banquet includes a quotation from this Hosea passage. Discuss what Jesus meant with this citation.

**Application-** sharing personal experiences

1. Read the parable of the banquet in Luke 14:15-24, which Jesus gives in response to a statement about the kingdom of God. Are there times that you have asked to be excused from participating in God's kingdom banquet due to worldly obligations? Has God invited you to participate in the kingdom now, but you are asking to be excused?