

**STUDY GROUP HOMEWORK  
WEEK 4 - 10/04/09**

***SERMON NOTES***



## **GETTING STARTED**

What is a guilty pleasure you have now--maybe a specific candy bar, ice cream, TV show--that you indulge in and that you don't like to share with others? Or, do you like to share it?

What is something you were forced to share when you were growing up? (could be a car, a toy, or even a chore like doing the dishes)

How did you do with sharing it?

What made it hard or easy?

This week we are going to talk about our need to share as we live out our faith.

## ***DIVING DEEPER***

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Please explain.

On Sunday, Frank shared about the Parable of the Wedding Banquet in Matthew 22:1-14. Take a moment and read it.

How do you think the king felt when the first set of invitees didn't come to the banquet?

He sweetens the deal and sends out more servants to the invitees. What is their response?

What was the king's response?

Who then gets invited to the banquet?

What do you think is happening in the last part of this parable when the king throws the naked man out?

What do you think the meaning of the wedding clothes is?

What do you think the main point of this parable is?

Now take a moment and read Matthew 28:16-20.

Why do you think Jesus starts his talk with them by stating that he's been giving all authority in heaven and on earth?

What is the command that he gives?

How do you think this fits with the first passage Frank talked about on Sunday--Matthew 18:10-14?

## ***TAKING THE NEXT STEP***

**BOTTOM LINE:** Jesus calls lost people to come, but he calls saved people to GO. He invites many, but few are chosen. Its our responsibility to GO and help the many invited who Jesus is and what life following him looks, smells, tastes, sounds, and feels like.

Why are we so afraid to share the love and grace we have been given?

Who are two or three people you could share with this week? Maybe that is inviting them to church. Maybe its something more? How are you going to Go and do?

In the next week, I will take the Next Step and . . .

## ***PRAYER REQUESTS***

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK***

This weekend we have two events happening. The first is our Second Saturday Serve. We are challenging all of our people to serve in some way. For you all, it would be very easy to serve as a group. Take a moment at your study group and talk about what you can do to show someone the love of Christ. Then, GO and do it.

Second, following our Second Saturday Serve, we will have a night of fellowship at Cook Family Farms (between Dobie and Okemos Road) off of Jolly Road in Okemos.

Next week we begin a new series called Becoming. We will focus on growing/having a Jesus centered character in our lives. In partnership with that series, Dean Trune will be leading a Seminar on October 16 and 17 talking about the same topic. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The cost will be a \$10 donation per person.