

Daily Reading Plan – Planted: Making Room

Theme for the Week: Healthy people and healthy churches make room because God's heart has always been for people.

Day 1 – God's Invitation Is for Everyone

Read: Luke 14:15–21

Jesus tells the story of a great banquet where those who were invited begin making excuses. Rather than giving up, the master sends his servant to invite those no one expected.

Questions

1. What excuses tend to keep you from giving Jesus your best time, attention, or obedience?
 2. What does this passage teach you about God's heart for people who often feel forgotten or overlooked?
 3. If Jesus were inviting you to take one step of obedience today, what would it be?
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Day 2 – Make Room for Christ First

Read: Matthew 22:34–40

Jesus reminds us that loving God completely is the greatest commandment, followed closely by loving others.

Questions

1. What competes most for first place in your life right now?
2. Which of the three relationships (Christ, His Church, or your community) needs the most intentional investment this week?
3. What is one practical change you can make this week that demonstrates Jesus has first place in your life?

Day 3 – God's Heart Has Always Been for People

Read: Luke 19:1–10

Jesus seeks out Zacchaeus—a man everyone else had written off—and his life is transformed.

Questions

1. What does Jesus' pursuit of Zacchaeus reveal about how He sees people?
 2. Is there someone in your life you've quietly given up on spiritually?
 3. How can you intentionally show God's love to one person this week?
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Day 4 – Every Believer Has a Role

Read: Ephesians 4:11–16

God equips every believer to strengthen and build His Church.

Questions

1. How has God uniquely gifted or wired you to serve others?
 2. If you're already serving, how can you serve with greater joy and purpose? If you're not serving, what has held you back?
 3. Who has impacted your faith because they faithfully served behind the scenes?
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Day 5 – There Is Still Room

Read: Luke 14:22–24

Even after many guests arrive, the servant reports, "There is still room," and the master sends him out again.

Questions

1. Who comes to mind when you hear the words, "There is still room"?
2. What keeps you from inviting people to church or talking about your faith?

3. Who is one specific person you could begin praying for and invite over the next few weeks?
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Day 6 – Making Room Requires Sacrifice

Read: Romans 12:1–13

Paul describes what a life surrendered to God looks like—offering ourselves, using our gifts, and loving others sacrificially.

Questions

1. What sacrifice is God asking you to make for the sake of His Kingdom?
 2. Which spiritual gift or ability could you use more intentionally to bless others?
 3. What would it look like for your family to "make room" for God's mission this season?
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Day 7 – Empty Seats Represent Real People

Read: John 4:31–42

Jesus helps His disciples see the people around them as a harvest ready to be gathered.

Questions

1. When you look at your neighborhood, workplace, or school, do you mostly see people or problems? Why?
 2. Who first made room for you to hear about Jesus, and how has that changed your life?
 3. Ask God to place one name on your heart today. What is one practical step you can take this week to love, encourage, or invite that person?
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Weekly Challenge

At the end of the week, spend a few minutes praying through these three questions:

- **How did I intentionally invest in my relationship with Christ this week?**

- **How did I strengthen or serve Christ's Church this week?**
- **How did I intentionally love or reach someone in my community who needs Jesus?**

Then ask God to give you **one name**—one person He wants you to make room for. Pray for them every day, look for opportunities to encourage them, and invite them to join you at church. Healthy churches grow because ordinary believers faithfully make room for people God loves.