

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

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Review

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Key Scriptures: 2 Samuel 9:1–13; Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:1

Discuss

1. What do you think Pastor Jelani meant when he said we're all crippled?
2. How does sin cripple us?
3. What does it mean to be spiritually crippled? How can we become whole?
4. Can we earn God's kindness? Why or why not?
5. How does God's kindness remove our fear?
6. How does God's kindness request our presence?
7. Read Zephaniah 3:17. How does it make you feel knowing God rejoices over you?
8. Are there things in your life you need God to restore? Take a moment to invite Him into the areas where you need restoration.
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God's kindness removes our fear.
- God's kindness restores our land.
- God's kindness requests our presence.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins so we can be restored to right relationship with You. Because of Jesus, we are no longer spiritually blind and crippled; we are now the righteousness of God. We bring to You every area where we feel in need. Thank You for Your kindness that restores and refreshes us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

What were you most excited about when you first decided to lead a small group? Write out your answer. As you reflect on your experience leading a group over the past few months, do you feel you were successful in meeting your goals? If not, write down one or two ideas that will help you reach your goals for the next semester. Be encouraged! You *are* making a difference!

Group Dynamics Idea

Join us for presbytery services June 5–7. This is a powerful time of ministry where trusted pastors speak words of encouragement to individuals, families, and the congregation at each campus. Presbytery is a once-a-year event, so don't miss out on the opportunity to attend with your group. Come expecting to hear a timely word from God and leave encouraged!