



## WE > ME “Invite”

### Gather:

*Ever wonder what the goal of small groups are? Ultimately they are meant to equip you to daily, walk closer with Jesus, and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in you and through you to love and serve people well. Ask the following questions to see how it's going.*

- How am I doing loving the people God has given me to love?
- Why is God so good?

### Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? \*\*\*Remember to bring your Update from the weekend to refresh your memory.
- We talked about the power of inviting this weekend: Think of a time when you were invited to a party or event? How did it make you feel? Think of the last time you invited someone to something. Why did you invite them?
- When was the last time you invited someone to church or had a real conversation about your faith? We invite people to be a part of things that we are passionate about, excited about, and things we value. Take some time and honestly talk about the passion, excitement, value, or lack thereof, of your faith; and how it leads you to invite people to the party!
- Read Matthew 22:1-14 using the “Devotional Method”. (For the devotional method you read the passage and you meditate on it till the Holy Spirit shows you how to apply truths to your life. The goal is application not just interpretation.) Some points to consider while meditating on this.
  1. Spend time praying for insight on how to apply this truth to your life before you read.
  2. Work through it verse by verse.
  3. Meditate and share insights with each other.
  4. Verses 2-3. What is Jesus trying to illustrate to His listeners?
  5. Verse 10. What implications does this have on who should be invited?
  6. Verses 11-14. What does the wedding garment represent? See Isaiah 61:10.
  7. How can you apply any truths you've uncovered to your lives?

- Who are you going to invite to the party this weekend? Write down their names. Share them with each other, and talk about how they responded when your group meets again next week.
- What else has God put on your heart to share with the group? This can be about this week's teaching or anything else going on in your life.

**Serve:**

- This semester we want you to make it a priority to Love God and to Love others. We are asking you to commit to two things. #1 Apply the bible study methods you practice in small group during the rest of the week. INVEST in your relationship with God. #2 Get involved as a group and have an impact on this city! You will notice that we are highlighting and partnering with a few local organizations that are doing amazing things in Gainesville. If you don't already have people and places to impact in mind, join up with one of our Shift partners. We want to challenge you to spend at least one day/group time per month serving and loving those around you, and making a real impact on this city, all for the sake of the gospel. BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS!
- Step 3 of growth track this coming weekend. If you haven't attended the growth track, this is your invitation. Learn about why Shift does what it does, and your purpose in Christ.