

June 6th, The Time-Love Exchange
Part 4 in the series 'Love Handles'

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Would you agree with the statement: "Whatever you are most critical of in others is probably something you have a lot of yourself. ...what you spot is what you've got!"?

How do you spell 'love'?

A: T.I.M.E

Can you explain that concept?

What's the difference between spending time on someone and spending time with them?

Can you give some examples of high exchange and low exchange activities?

READ Luke 14:15-24

15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. **17** At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

19 "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

20 "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

21 "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

22 "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. **24** I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Were the things the people who didn't attend the banquet doing instead necessarily bad things?

What is the main point of the parable? What does the banquet represent?

Why do you think the people in the parable didn't want to come?

What does it say of God's Kingdom, that Jesus uses a banquet in his parable?

READ Exodus 20:8-11

8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Why do you think our society has trouble slowing down?

Do you think that a fast-paced lifestyle is/was limited to this day and age?

Why do you think God commanded a Sabbath for His people in the Old Testament?

How are rest and love connected?