

The Great Invitation

BY DR. KEN HEER | APRIL 13, 2019

He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. (1 Thess. 5:10)

I met the president once. He shook my hand, and we chitchatted for a minute. He was polite enough, but I could tell I didn't mean much to him. Someone whispered in his ear so he could call me by name, but he knew nothing about me—where I lived or what I did to help pay his salary. We met, but we never became friends. He doesn't call and ask me to come to his house and spend time with him. If he saw me out somewhere, he would not call me by name or remember that we had met before.

I have a friend who lives in a better place than the White House. He knows my name, where I live, what I do, and what my dreams are. He loves me enough that one day he chose to die so we could have an eternal friendship. While hanging on a cross, he signed the great invitation. He even went ahead and prepared a place for me in his kingdom and has invited me to come there, not just for a visit, but to live permanently with him.

The wonderful thing is that there is room at his place for all of us to “live together with him.” We have everything we need in him to do that, and wait with anticipation for him to come and get us.

Share the invitation to meet Jesus and live in His place.

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Sermon Notes:

Matthew 21:1-17

Who is this man?

1. Who was Jesus for the Crowds?

**They wanted a _____
Messiah**

2. Who was Jesus for the Pharisees?

**They wanted a _____
Messiah**

3. Who was Jesus for the Zealots?

**They wanted a _____
Messiah**

Luke 19:11-17

Matthew 26:52

4. Who was Jesus for the Disciples?

**They wanted a _____
Messiah**

Matthew 16:13-17

Colossians 1:15-20

Hebrews 1:1-3

Matthew 21:12-14

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives.

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following local school (Staff, Teachers and Students):

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the **Lord's Table, also known as Communion.** We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS Small Groups

Are you interested in connecting with others throughout the week? We have several Small Groups meeting and some who are preparing to start additional groups. Here are the groups already gathering during the week:

~ Women's Group - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

~ Men's Group - 11 AM Wednesdays - Upbeat Café

~ Women's Life Group - Wednesday Evenings 7 PM - Life Group member's Home, Sadieville, KY

**If you would like more information about joining or starting a small group please contact Pastor Anton.*

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Fresh Cut Flowers for the Resurrection Cross

For anyone who is able, please remember to bring fresh cut flowers Easter Sunday, April 21. We will use them for "bringing to life the Resurrection Cross" during a special combined service at 10 AM that morning.

**Note we will not be having normal Sunday school classes that day.*



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FOCUS Board Meeting

The FOCUS Local Board of Administration will be meeting this Tuesday, 04/16/2019 at 6:30 PM for a Ministry Meeting.

**PALM
SUNDAY**