

“HORIZONS: Invitation pt 1”
Growth Group notes ~ Steve Dunn 27/01/19

[NB: All questions are suggestions; the aim is fruitful discussion of Sunday's sermon, rather than mere repetition - ie, learning between us how to put it into practice]

Beacon Vision:

“A **family** of Jesus-followers, reaching across Herne Bay and further, encouraging each other to **grow**, and **inviting** others to join the adventure.”

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1. THE INVITED: **Rev 19.6-9a; Acts 1.8**
 - What can you remember Steve saying about the theme of INVITATION as found throughout the Bible? (hint: see also **Gen 12**)
 - Has this been something you've thought about much? Has it affected or changed your perspective on your own life?
2. THE INVITERS: **Luke 14.15-24**
 - Which part of this story sticks out to you most?
 - Steve pointed out the three reasons why the invites were turned down: **LAND** (influence/power), **LIVESTOCK** (possessions/responsibilities) and **LOVE** (people).
 - Which of these in particular might be your temptation to push God away?
 - Steve also shared four reasons why we don't do the inviting: **FEAR**, **LAZINESS**, **PREJUDICE**, and **BUSYNESS**.
 - Do any of these in particular resonate with you?
3. Steve ended by saying “*I believe the church at large has spent far too much effort on **waiting on God** to bring the crowds in, when in fact **He's also waiting on us** to get out there and do the inviting.*”
 - What can we as a group do in response to this? Share and be accountable to each other. Spur one another on!