



THE EMPTY CHAIR
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SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE

Connect

1. When you hear the phrase 'the empty chair', what comes to your mind?
2. In what settings and with whom, do you really enjoy 'chair time'? What is it about the setting and people you value?
3. One final question: who gave you 'chair time' and helped you find your way to Jesus?

Engage

1. Reflect upon Luke 5:27-32, Luke 7: 36-50, and Luke 22: 14-16: what do you learn about purposeful 'chair time' from the example of Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus spend time with all sorts of people? What motivated him? See also Mark 6:34.
3. In reading 1 Corinthians 9:19-27, what really gets your attention? What do you believe God is saying to you?
4. Thinking about the passage above, of these following insights, which statement speaks most directly to you...and why? a) cultivate conviction b) prayerful creativity c) connecting courageously d) listening prayerfully e) anticipate God's work in lives f) invite freely and warmly, with purpose g) continue to follow Jesus faithfully

Apply

1. Which 'chair' setting do you believe God is asking you to more frequently visit...and why?
2. Which name...who would you love to see in the chair next to you on a Sunday morning?
3. What one truth are you committed to put into action now? Why is it that important?