

# A Bringing Culture

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## Bringing is part of Serving Others

Mark 2:1–12 NKJV

Luke 14:16–24 NKJV

## Bringing is not Sending

•Bringing means that \_\_\_\_ are already going and we are inviting someone to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

•Our attendance is \_\_\_\_\_ upon someone else's acceptance of the invitation.

•The feeling that we have a ton of time left spurs many to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 12:16–21 *The Message*

John 4:35 HCSB

**What is YOUR weekly RSVP to God's feast invitation???**

Luke 14:18 *The Message*

## Excuses Are Not Always Our Ally

### Excuses:

- \_\_\_\_\_ that may not really exist
- keep us \_\_\_\_\_ the feast (blessing)
- keep us from \_\_\_\_\_
- keep us away from \_\_\_\_\_

## A Couple Great Quotes About Excuses

“Every vice has its excuse ready” - *Publilius Syrus*

“If you really want to do it, you do it. There are no excuses.” - *Bruce Nauman*

## We Can Be Obstacle Removers

- We can remove our own \_\_\_\_\_ by removing our own \_\_\_\_\_
- We can help to remove obstacles for \_\_\_\_\_
- You can be the solution to someone’s legitimate excuse:
  - Provide them a ride
  - Give them a courtesy “wake up call”
  - Do a sleep-over (kids)
  - Provide Food
  - Provide help on Saturday so their Sunday becomes free
  - Offer to help watch their children during service

## Just One Thing:

Be an Obstacle Remover & Excuse Eliminator for someone this week and \_\_\_\_\_ them with you to the party next week.

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### Discussion Questions:

1. What obstacles would be included in the World’s most amazing obstacle course?
2. How do you tend to view and handle situations that don’t seem urgent? (e.g. Do you put off action until it seems critical to act? Do you take action anyway so that it is taken care of? etc.)
3. Please re-read Luke 12:16-21 & John 4:35 and share how these verses challenge you about what you’ve been putting off doing. Also please share how these verses may challenge you about bringing those around you who don’t yet know Jesus’ loving grace.
4. What is your “go-to excuse” when there is something that you don’t really want to be a part of? In large part, would you be able to overcome that obstacle/excuse if something was truly valuable to you - why or why not?