



Discussion Guide for “The Best Parties” – *You Had to Be There* Week 3

We have a sense that life with God is a chore, full of rules and regulations. People in the Church are often secretly jealous of those outside the Church because they get to have all the fun. But according to Jesus, God throws the best parties. And there's more than enough room for the saints and the sinners.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Luke 15:1-32](#)

[Isaiah 61:1-11](#)

[Matthew 9:9-13](#)

[Mark 6:33-44](#)

[John 10:7-10;](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you identify more with Frank or his brother? Why?
2. Why do you think the older brother was so bitter? Do you know religious people like this?
3. Does your picture of God look more like a harsh taskmaster or supreme party-thrower? Why?
4. How did you respond to Jesus' story? What was your gut-level reaction?
5. What does it look like for you to live fully in God's excessive life this week?