



## Stuart Hall

## Sometimes It Takes A Party - Part 2

Small Group Material

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Participant Guide

**Bottom Line:** *Don't be afraid to be the one who loves the most.*

**Study Verses:** *Acts 10:9-16, Acts 10:25-29, Matthew 19:13-15, Matthew 5:38-42, Matthew 6:19-21*

### The 7 Habits of a Party Starter

1. *Invite someone new to the table.*
2. *Fast forward someone else's dream.*
3. *Inspire every kid you meet.*
4. *Create beautiful spaces.*
5. *Speak up for someone else.*
6. *Discover life together.*
7. *Do something you don't have to do.*

### Key Points

- *The more fascinated you become with the differences in people in this world, the more fascinated you will become with God.*
- *Rich people aren't generous. Generous people are generous.*
- *You are never more like Jesus than when you sacrifice for the sake of another person's future.*

- *Every time you see a kid...make them LAUGH, make them BELIEVE, help them DREAM.*
- *Leverage your voice in the right way, for the right reasons.*
- *How you walk with the broken is more important than how you sit with the great.*
- *At the center of the issues are real people. Your neighbors.*
- *No party can heal your community like the right neighborhood party.*
- *Your faith is personal but it is not private.*
- *You don't do something because you feel like it...you do something in order to feel like it.*
- *If you only do what you have to do, you limit what you do.*
- *The first mile fulfilled an obligation. The second mile started a party.*
- *When you invest in someone, your heart follows. Don't confuse the order.*
- *God made you to party.*
- *Everything you dream, hope and pray is linked to how you love and serve others.*
- *If you want to really live, you have to learn how to live for someone other than yourself.*

## **ENCOUNTER**

*"Our problem is that we have entire sections of our bookstores marked self-help, but we have no sections marked help others." -Simon Sinek*

- **Read the quote from Simon Sinek. How is finding our life's purpose tied to our willingness to love and serve others? Why do many of us never unlock our purpose?**
- **Consider the people that you invite to your parties, join you at the table or appear in the photos stored on your phone. What level of diversity is present in this group? What occurs when we only surround ourselves with people just like us?**
- **How does one know when they are viewing people as projects? What is the danger in holding this view of others?**
- **Read the 7 Habits of a Party Starter. Which of the habits do you feel you excel at? How did you develop this habit in your life? Reversely, which of the habits**

do you struggle to live out? Why have you been reluctant to become a party starter in this way?

### FORMATION

- Read Acts 10:9-16 and Acts 10:25-29. What did Jesus want Peter to understand about people? How did Peter become a party starter in this story?
- Read Matthew 19:13-15. What can we learn from children about being a party starter? How can we be party starters who have a legacy mindset?
- Read Matthew 5:38-42 and Matthew 6:19-21. What do we miss out on when we only obey out of obligation or to meet the standard of what's required of us? What do we learn about ourselves, others and God when we go the second mile?

### EXPRESSION

- How can you begin to create beautiful spaces in the places where you are planted? Where do you need to bring hope and make people feel welcomed?
- Who doesn't have a voice that you need to speak up for? Why did this person or people come to mind?
- What is one step you can take right now to fast forward someone else's dream?
- Where are you only responding or obeying out of obligation? What is causing you to just do the bare minimum? What would it look like to go the second mile in this situation?