

## Sermon 4: Blessing the Broken and Needy in Our Communities

**Scripture:** Luke 14:12-14

**Main Idea:** Jesus calls us to help the marginalized and needy in our communities.

### To help the marginalized and needy in our communities we must:

1. Have hearts and hands ready for **action**. v. 13a
  - We must be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are hurting and broken.
    - ❖ Galatians 6:2-5 & 1 Timothy 6:18
  
2. Identify the **Invisible** v. 13b
  - We need to identify the marginalized and needy in our communities.
    - ❖ Proverbs 28:27 & Psalm 41:1
  
3. Expect a **harvest** of healing and transformation. v. 14
  - Blessing the broken and needy can lead to transformation and healing.
    - ❖ Blessing others:
      - ✓ Restores dignity and hope.
      - ✓ Break cycles of despair.
      - ✓ Builds community and connection.
      - ✓ Brings about emotional healing and resilience.
      - ✓ Inspires a pay-it-forward mentality.
      - ✓ Brings about greater physical well-being.
      - ✓ Fosters spiritual transformation.
      - ✓ Breaks isolation.
      - ✓ Empowers others to develop skills.
      - ✓ Witnesses God's love in action.

### Action Points:

- Look out for those that are “invisible” in our communities.
- Be ready to meet their needs or join with others to do so as God gives opportunities.
- Expect God to work through your faith and actions and celebrate when He does.