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Let's Create Something Cool

(Why do we need so many different kinds of restaurants?)

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"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and **eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**"
(Isaiah 55:1-2 NIV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, **to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**" Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
(Luke 4:18-21 NIV)

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And **let us not neglect our meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT)

The Great Restaurant Principle

A great restaurant is about **ambiance**.

A great restaurant is about **personality**.

A great restaurant is about **service**.

A great restaurant is about **taste**.

*It takes all kinds of **churches** to reach all kinds **people***

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Think of all the places and spaces

God took on a **body**.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14 NIV)

God indwells His **people**.

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."
(1 Corinthians 3:16-17 NIV)

God calls His people gathered in worship **the church**.

"Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and **you belong** in God's household with every other Christian."
(Eph 2:19)

God calls His people scattered in service **the Kingdom**.

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'" (Matthew 6:9-10 NIV)

Daring to create environments

That are **fun** and **joyful**.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1 NLT)

Where it's OK not **to be OK**.

Where real people feel they are **wanted & welcomed**.

That say, "**this is a big deal**."

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