



## Cause for Celebration

### Today's Gathering

Worship and Welcome

Child Dedications

Meet & Greet

Reception of New Members

Message: Cause for Celebration

BBQ / Celebration

### Welcome to Engage Community Church

To those of you have supported Engage from afar through prayer, encouragement, and/or financial support, today is a party in thanks for you. You believed in our dream and helped make it come true. To those who have joined the team and put in the work, today is a celebration of the belief that God honors your faithfulness. To those who have taken steps of faith or received Christ's love through the ministry of Engage, today we throw a party in God's honor, so that our community would know the power and freedom that comes from following Jesus.

Let's Party!

### Special Guests

#### Phil Stevenson

District Superintendent  
PSW District of the Wesleyan Church

#### Willie Nolte

Mission Lead  
Transformation Ministries

#### Racquel Vasquez

Mayor  
Lemon Grove

### Message Notes

#### Outward is better than INWARD

*Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth.  
- Luke 5:27 (NIV)*

#### Following is better than FIXING

*"Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.  
- Luke 5:27-28 (NIV)*

#### Acceptance is better than AVOIDANCE

*Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.  
- Luke 5:29 (NIV)*

*...many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.  
- Mark 2:15 (NIV)*

#### Compassion is better than CONDEMNATION

*But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"*

*Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."  
- Luke 5:30-32 (NIV)*