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All of us who are sincere believers in Jesus Christ are called to bury ourselves in the divine purpose wherever the sacrifice may be demanded. We are to bury ourselves in the spiritual interests of the people among whom we are most at home. When Matthew the publican was won by the Master he made a feast in his own house, and he invited his fellow publicans to come and meet the Lord. He prayed and labored for the salvation of his own friends and of those who were his associates in ordinary life. And that is the kind of spiritual ministry which the church must more and more practice if she is to meet triumphantly the tremendous days which stretch before us. What we need to begin with is less emphasis on meetings and more on personal service. The church has too frequently exhausted herself in meetings, and she has not given her very blood to the daily capture of the world for Christ. We have had more than enough of organizations, and what we need now imperatively need is the free, happy, spontaneous ministry of the individual believer, busy making his *savoir* known on ordinary roads, and winning the bondslaves of the world to the glorious captivity of Christ's redeeming love and grace. If we are to have occasional meetings, let us meet as the knights of King Arthur met. Let us meet to look into the face of our King, and sup at His table, and renew our covenanted vows, and then go off along our several ways to rid our lovely land of everything base and slavish, and to transform a beast-frequented country into a country of free men, clean and sweet and healthy, showing the imparted life of Jesus Christ.—Dr. J. H. Jowett, in *The Christian World*, London.