

Sermon Guide

Luke 14:7-24



► In Luke 14:15-24, Jesus tells the parable of the Great Banquet. If you were hosting a grand banquet or dinner party and could invite anyone in the world, who would you invite? Why?

► In Luke 14:7, Jesus observes the Pharisee's dinner guests choosing the places of honor at the table. If you could have the best seats in the house, what would you choose: Super

Bowl? A concert? Indy 500? Royal Wedding?

Read [Luke 14:7-24](#)

1. How does Jesus' view of honor (vv. 7-11) vary from that held by others at the meal?
2. What does vv. 7-14 teach you about the differences between kingdom values vs. social values?
3. What do you think the "great banquet" (v. 16) represents?
4. What excuses did the invited guests give for not coming to the banquet? How valid were the three excuses?
5. How would you feel as one of "the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame" (v. 21) brought to the great banquet?

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► How do things like customs and status get in the way of loving others?

► From your experience, what excuses do people make to avoid God's "banquet"? What can you say or do to help people overcome their hesitation?

► What excuses keep you from "feasting with God"?

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- How often do we have a list of excuses ready and waiting to justify not communing with God? Just as the three invitees had three excuses for not attending the feast, so too do we sometimes let our priorities shift and we lose sight of the Kingdom. May we offer no more excuses and choose now to realign our priorities with God's. Listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to "[I Choose Now](#)" by Anthony Evans.