

## Dinner Lessons with Jesus, Part 2

### Luke 14:15-24

**Today's Question:** What is the one thing that keeps you from being closer to Jesus?

**Passage Insight:** "In Jesus' day when you invited guests to a dinner, you told them the day but not the exact hour of the meal. A host had to know how many guests were coming so he could butcher the right amount of animals and prepare sufficient food. Just before the feast was to begin, the host sent his servants to each of the guests to tell them the banquet was ready and they should come (see Es. 5:8; 6:14). In other words, *each of the guests in this parable had already agreed to attend the banquet*. The host expected them to be there."<sup>1</sup>

#### **Luke 14:15-24 (NKJV): The Parable of the Great Supper**

<sup>15</sup> Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

<sup>16</sup> Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, <sup>17</sup> and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' <sup>18</sup> But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' <sup>19</sup> And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' <sup>20</sup> Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' <sup>21</sup> So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.*' <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' <sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.' <sup>24</sup> For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

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##### Review from part 1-5 Life-changing Lessons:

1. Always do the right thing even if others may react wrongly (v. 1).
2. Love is more powerful than legalism (v. 2-6).

##### *Jesus vs the Legalist:*

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<sup>1</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). [The Bible exposition commentary](#) (Vol. 1, p. 230). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- Jesus valued people while the Legalist valued rules.
- Jesus valued transformation while the Legalist valued information.
- Jesus valued the internal while the Legalist valued the external.
- Jesus valued relationships while the Legalist valued rituals.
- Jesus operated out of joyful love while the Legalist operated out of grudgeful duty.
- Jesus brought Good News while the Legalist brought bad news.
- Jesus offered the freedom of forgiveness while the Legalist offered the bondage of rules.

3. **When you lift yourself up, others will eventually put you in your place** (v. 7-9, 11a).

4. **True humility leads to true promotion** (v. 7-11).

- **What humility is not...**

→Humility is not putting yourself down. That's called false humility.

→Humility is not thinking less of yourself. That's called low self-esteem.

→Humility is not letting people run over you. That's called being a push-over.

- **What humility is...**

→Humility is lifting others up above yourself. That's called service.

→Humility is thinking about yourself less. That's called being others focused.

→Humility is knowing how to respond to difficult people and situations. That's called wisdom and emotional intelligence.

5. **True generosity gives to those who can't return the favor** (v. 12-14).

## Part 2: No Excuse for Excuses in the Kingdom

1. **Never forget how b\_\_\_\_\_ you are to be a member of the K\_\_\_\_\_ of God** (v. 15).

**Scripture Insight: Blessed is he:** One of the guests at the meal reflected on the glory of sitting at the banquet table of God, an image of being saved and living in God's presence. The man probably assumed that many of the people attending the meal with Jesus would be present at God's banquet table. Jesus responded to the man's assumption with a warning.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Quote from Thomas Nelson Study Bible.

### 10 Things that will happen the moment you become a Christian:

- 1) I am r\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus (Romans 3:24).
- 2) I am r\_\_\_\_\_ to God (2 Cor. 5:18-20).
- 3) I am f\_\_\_\_\_ of all my sins-past, present, and future (Col. 2:13).
- 4) I am a\_\_\_\_\_ as a "son" of God (Galatians 3:26-4:7).
- 5) I am delivered from S\_\_\_\_\_ 's power (Col. 1:13).
- 6) I am part of God's royal p\_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 2:9).
- 7) I currently have a new c\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven (Phi. 3:20).
- 8) I have direct a\_\_\_\_\_ to God through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4:16, 10:10-20).
- 9) I am l\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord (Eph. 5:8).
- 10) I am b\_\_\_\_\_ with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph. 1:3).

### 2. God has invited you to His dinner b\_\_\_\_\_ and everything is r\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-17).

- Notice that many were invited...Jesus invites the world to come to Him for salvation.
- The Master sent His servant-God sent Jesus to invite the world to come to God's dinner table...that is join the Kingdom of God.
- All things are now ready-What has God already accomplished to get all things ready for you to come to salvation:

→ **Each 1 Reach 1**. The **vision** for 2019 and beyond! There are around 58,000 people within 5 miles of our church. What would it look like if we reached just 1% of these people over the next 5 years with the Gospel? What would it look like if we encouraged and equipped other Christ-centered churches reach their 1% also?

### 3. If anyone r\_\_\_\_\_ God's g\_\_\_\_\_, they will not have any legit e\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18-20).

- Here are the types of excuses that the people gave in this parable:
  - 1) I'm too busy with all my \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) I'm too busy with my \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) I'm too busy with my \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. Do w\_\_\_\_\_ you can to reach w\_\_\_\_\_ you can (v. 21-24).

- Notice how the master of the house response to their excuses—he is noticeably upset.

- Do you remember Jesus weeping over Jerusalem? We will see Jesus in the upcoming days, turn over the tables in the temple. Jesus has righteous anger when people reject the purposes and plan of God to their own harm.
- What happens next? Those who were invited didn't come to the banquet, so now the master invites the unthinkable: the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind.

Luke 19:10 (NIV); For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

- The result: They came in droves, and yet there was still room in the master's house. So the Master told the servant: Go out...into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.
  - **Go out**-Jesus has not told us to sit and to say, but to go and make disciples!
  - **Highways and hedges**-probably the Gentiles regions for a Jewish person—those outside of the covenant community—for us this represents the places where people need to be reached—the road and country lanes.
  - **Compel**—
- **The warning**: None of those men who were invited shall taste my supper. For those who reject Jesus Christ, they will not take part in the marriage supper of the lamb of God when we all gather in heaven. → **See Revelations 19:6-9**

**Christ Connection**: Jesus invites us to dine with Him by entering into a saving and personal relationship with Him through responding to the Gospel.

**Today's Big Idea (A short summary)**: I have no excuse for excuses because Jesus has made everything ready for me to receive Him as Lord and Savior.



1. **Invite**-Invite someone to God's house this Wednesday or next Sunday.
2. **Serve**-God is looking for people to serve in His house. Sign up for a Serve Team today by letting us know your interest on your Connection Card.
3. **Give**-Give to the outreach and mission of this church. Help us get the word out to a world who needs to know the Good News about Jesus!