**“THE GREAT KINGDOM BANQUET”**

**Luke 14:15-24**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

* 1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself as an evangelist?
  2. When was the last time you spoke to someone about Jesus? How did it go?
  3. How would you rate your brokenness and boldness as an evangelist? Spend some time praying for God’s grace in this area.

**Luke 14:15-24 (NLT2)**   
15  Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!”   
16  Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.   
17  When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’   
18  But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’   
19  Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’   
20  Another said, ‘I now have a wife, so I can’t come.’   
21  “The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’   
22  After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’   
23  So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.   
24  For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.’”

***EXPLORE***

How did the man let his guests know that the time for the banquet had arrived? ([14:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A17))

How did the guests respond to the invitation? ([14:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A18))

What excuses did people make? ([14:18-20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A18-20))

What was the master’s reaction to the excuses people made? ([14:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A21))

Whom did the master invite to the banquet to replace the original invitees? ([14:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A21))

How did the master ensure that the banquet hall would be full? ([14:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A23))

What was to become of the original guests? ([14:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+14%3A24))

***APPLY***

1. Why was the master justified in his anger at the guests who made excuses?

1. What was wrong with the guests’ excuses? Were there any excuses that would have been acceptable?
2. How did the character of the banquet change, given the "new" guest list?
3. How is the kingdom of God like this banquet?
4. How does our responsibility to God correspond to the servant’s role?
5. Whom can you invite to the kingdom banquet? How?

**Additional Thoughts:**

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