

The Parable of the Great Banquet - Luke 14:15-24

Topics: Anger, Excuses, Handicapped, Invitation, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Preparation, Serving

Open It

- * 1. What kinds of excuses do you most resent others using?
- 2. How does it feel when you plan a big event and it is poorly attended?

Explore It

- 3. What was one person prompted to say when Jesus spoke of repayment for kindness to others? (14:15)
- 4. What did Jesus use to reply to the blessing He heard? (14:16)
- 5. What did the man in the parable do? (14:16)
- 6. How did the man let his guests know that the time for the banquet had arrived? (14:17)
- 7. How did the guests respond to the invitation? (14:18)
- * 8. What excuses did people make? (14:18-20)
- * 9. How did the master find out about the excuses? (14:21)
- 10. What was the master's reaction to the excuses people made? (14:21)
- 11. Whom did the master invite to the banquet to replace the original invitees? (14:21)
- 12. What happened when all the other people came to the master's banquet? (14:22)
- 13. How did the master ensure that the banquet hall would be full? (14:23)
- * 14. What was to become of the original guests? (14:24)

Get It

- 15. Why was the master justified in his anger at the guests who made excuses?
- * 16. What was wrong with the guests' excuses?
- 17. How did the character of the banquet change, given the "new" guest list?
- * 18. How is the kingdom of God like this banquet?
- 19. In what ways do you identify with the different guests?
- 20. How does our responsibility to God correspond to the servant's role?

Apply It

- 21. What is one way you can thank God this week for inviting you into His presence?
- * 22. Whom can you invite to the kingdom banquet? How?