

Spiritual Formation

Engagement: Feasting

Luke 14:15-24

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BIG IDEA: In God's community, everybody eats with whomever accepts Jesus' invitation to his banquet of grace and forgiveness.

1. The **gracious** host (16)
 - a. A wealthy and well-connected man
 - b. Prepares a **great** banquet and invites many
 2. The purpose of two invitations (16-17)
 - a. A calendar item to consider **sometime**
 - b. A current event to attend now
 3. The **insulting** excuses (18-20)
 - a. Indirect, but clear refusal
 - b. Solidarity in class and **custom** "all alike"
 - i. Absentee landowner
 - ii. **Wealthy** farmer
 - iii. Unwilling to accept **new** obligations
 4. The master's reaction (21)
 - a. He became angry
 - b. He does the unimaginable
 5. The master **sends** his servant to invite others (21-23)
 - a. To folks in town, aka **machinery**
 - i. Roads and narrow alleys
 - ii. Poor, crippled, blind, lame (see also 14:13)
 - iii. They must be **brought** (in)
- Hold on a minute, there's still room!** (22)
- b. To folks on the edge of town, aka **scenery**
 - i. Ways and hedge rows
 - ii. **Outsiders** beyond the first two groups
 - iii. They must be **convinced**
6. The un-inviting of all who **refuse** to come (24)

Life Group Homework

What observation, insight, or principle did you find eye-opening, troubling, or helpful?

Agree/disagree

You eat with people whom you like and who are like you.

Read Luke 15:1-2. What did the Pharisees criticize Jesus for?

Read Acts 11:1-3. What did Jewish Christians criticize Peter for?

Read Galatians 2:11-16. What did Peter stop doing and why? (12)

What was the effect of Peter's behavior on others? (13)

What did Paul do about this? (14)

How does Paul refer to Gentiles? (15)

What key doctrine did Paul defend against Peter's actions? (16)

If Jesus invites all to eat at his banquet table of grace, how can we do a better job of inviting people to eat at home/church with us?

Is this a way to evangelize (to share the gospel)? Why or why not?