Luke 14:15-35 Discipleship

Man at table
Blessed
Eat bread
In kingdom of God

Jesus
Dinner
Many of invited
Excuses

God Dinner Invited many guests Slave Ready

Jesus Finished Work of redemption Calvary Gospel invitation

Excuses

Bought land

Want to look

Purchased without looking?

Prioritized material things

Excuses Five yoke of oxen Try them out Job, occupation, business Ahead of call of God

Excuses Married a wife Family ties Social relationships Hinder gospel acceptance

Invitation rejected Servant out in city Invite Poor, crippled, blind, lame First group—Jewish leaders? Second group—Jerusalem citizens

Invitation accepted Lowly accepted Still room Highways, byways Gospel to Gentiles

Invitation accepted Compelled Not by might Force of argument Loving persuasion

Invitation accepted House to be filled Original guest list Not useful Original invitees not there Book of Life Lamb's book of life

Crowds Not onlookers But participators Cost of being disciple Following Jesus first Over family, possessions, own life

Hate Any relationship Priority over Jesus Luke 6:27, 35 Believers Love all men Even enemies Who hate you

Hate

Luke 12:51-53

Divisions in families

Because

Some follow Him

Hate

Matthew 10:37

Don't love others more than Lord Jesus

Own

Family

Love for Jesus so great

All other loves are hatred

By comparison

Own Life Not self-centered Christ-centered Actions affect Christ, His glory Comfort Safety

Own Cross Reproach Suffering Loneliness Death For Christ's sake

Own

Possessions

[33] Give up, yield

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Strong's: say adieu (by departing, dismissing)

Present tense

Continuous action

Own Possessions Not Gollum (The Lord of the Rings) Monkey trap Jar with food Hold lightly

Own Possessions Matthew 19:29 Leave even homes, families To follow Lord Receive many times as much And eternal life

Proof of discipleship

John 8:31

Abide in God's Word

John 13:35

Love one another

Proof of discipleship

John 15:8

Bear much fruit

Ears to hear Salt Picture of disciple Modern—cannot lose flavor Pure salt

Ears to hear Salt In Bible lands Salt often mixed—impure Useless [Men] throw it out

Ears to hear Disciple Start off brilliantly Lost Influence Effectiveness Impact in world

Hebrews Disciple Press on Hold fast Pay attention Draw near