



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of March 12, 2023

Sermon Text *Luke 14:15-24*

15 *When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”* **16** *But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ 19 And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ 20 And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ 21 So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ 22 And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ 23 And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”*

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Discussion Questions

1. In our passage this week, why do you think Jesus uses the imagery of a great banquet to describe the coming Kingdom of God?
2. What is required for a person to one day participate in the great banquet?
3. Look at the excuses given in verses 18-20. What do these excuses tell you about the priority these people put on God and His invitation? In your opinion, will the person who constantly makes these excuses sit at Jesus’ future banquet?
4. Why do you think the kingdom of God is going to be filled with the poor, crippled, blind, and lame? Figuratively speaking, who do you think are the poor, crippled, blind, and lame?
5. Why is it that the most religious people of Jesus’ day were the very ones who would NOT be at God’s banquet? Do you think the same can be said today of very religious people? Why or why not?