# The Parable of the Great Banquet. Luke 14:12-24

## Context – Sabbath Meal @ home of Pharisee on the Sabbath. - v. 14:1-6

### “Is it Lawful to heal on the Sabath” – v. 3-6

### Places of honor and dishonor at a wedding feast. – v. 7-11

### Inviting guests and getting repaid – v. 12-14

## The Great Banquet – v. 15-24

### “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God” – v. 15

### A man made a great supper an invited many – v. 16

### The supper was ready, servants were sent out to those he invited. – v. 17 “Come, for everything is now ready”.

### As one they all made excuses and did not come. – v. 18-20

#### “I bought a field.”, “I bought five yoke of oxen.”  “I have married a wife, I cannot come”

### The Master’s response – Find others – v. 21-24

#### Go to the streets and lanes, bring in the poor, crippled, blind, and  lame. – v. 21

#### There is still room. Go to the highways and hedges and compel them to come, that my house may be filled. – v. 22-23

#### None of those invited will taste my banquet. – v. 24

## Application

### The Leaders of Israel, the rejected of Israel, and the gentiles The invited, those in the city, and those outside the city. – John 1:6-12

### For us – principles in this parable.

#### Don’t let life’s legitimate concerns become an excuse for not obeying.

#### Prefering Christ over legitimate relationships and concerns  – Luke 14:25-27

**\*\*\*\* Luke 14:15-24 (ESV) \*\*\*\***
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.’”

**\*\*\*\* John 1:6-12 (ESV) \*\*\*\* He came to His own…**
6  There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7  He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.
8  He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
9  The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
10  He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
11  He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
12  But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

**\*\*\*\* 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 (ESV) \*\*\*\* Christ, our passover**
7  Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8  Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**\*\*\*\* Ephesians 1:3-5 (ESV) \*\*\*\* Chosen in Him…**
3  Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4  even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5  he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

**\*\*\*\* Deuteronomy 24:5 (ESV) \*\*\*\***
5  “When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be liable for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken.