

7. How does this story illustrate and contrast God's judgment and God's mercy?
8. This story doesn't mention the disciples, but at least some of them would have been with Jesus. What lesson would they have taken from the banquet as they experienced Jesus in the house of this religious leader?
9. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?

Response – Making it Practical

1. What present day problems does this passage raise that are still problems today?
2. Are there excuses that you have that cause you not to experience a life of full obedience to Christ?

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Luke 14:15-24 - October 2, 2016

We all lead busy lives, so much so, that we can tend towards the tyranny of the present and neglect the urgency of the eternal. Why can we become so pre-occupied with matters of insignificance?

In this message we find Jesus is once again having dinner in the home of a religious leader. The conversations move from Sabbath work to the Kingdom of God. Jesus becomes troubled by the tone and assumptions he is hearing and presents a view contrary to those in the room, but more faithful to God's heart.

Jesus uses a simple story to illustrate a timeless truth about God, and the invitation that is extended to everyone who receives it by faith.



Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

1. Can you, in one sentence, summarize the teaching of last week's study or sermon?

Read Luke 14:15-24

2. What does the guest in 14:15 believe about the "banquet" (or Feast) in the Kingdom of God? Why does this prompt Jesus to tell the story?

3. Why are the excuses given in Luke 14:18-20 anger the host? Would these excuses be acceptable to us today?
4. The host (master) channels his anger by commanding his servant to immediately go out and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame. After this first invitation, a second one is given which casts the invitation to anyone who is willing to come. Who do these two groups likely represent?
5. Why does the host express a sense of urgency to the invitation (14:21-23)?
6. In the opening message we taught that the parables give us a mirror into ourselves but also a window into God. With that framework, what can we learn from this parable?

Mirror for Us	Window into God
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.