

Luke 14: 1-24

Kingdoms and Banquets



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

Getting started

What's the most awkward dinner party or wedding you've been to?

Have you ever received a delightful, unexpected invitation?

The text – Luke 14:1-24

1. Read Luke 14:1-6. Who were the Pharisees? What was the focus of their lives as they sought to please God?
2. Twice (14:4 and 14:6) the Pharisees are silent and unable to speak. They have nothing to say. Why? What is so difficult about this situation? Why are they unable to answer Jesus?
3. Read Luke 14:7-11. Parables are often thought of as having one main point. What is the main point of this parable?
4. Read Luke 14:12-24. In both parables, “the poor, crippled, blind, and lame” feature (14:13 and 14:21). Why is this the case? Why are they the outcasts in the society of which Jesus was part?
5. What is the main point of the parable of the great banquet in 14:12-24? What do we learn about the kingdom of God (14:15) from this parable?

The Scriptures – Luke 14:1-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. Read Isaiah 25:6-8. This is one of the great OT visions of the kingdom of God banquet. What are the characteristics of the banquet according to Isaiah?
7. Matthew 22:2-14 also presents the parable of the great banquet. Read this passage and compare and contrast it with Luke's account.
8. Read Acts 3:1-10. The ministry of the apostles and the early church is typified by this wonderful healing. Read and discuss this healing in the light of Jesus' teaching in Luke 14.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 14:1-24 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. What are some practices of hospitality that you've enjoyed? How do you practise hospitality?
10. Who is missing from our local church? How could we make our invitation broader?
11. What countries has God placed on your heart? Pray for the spread of the gospel in the world.