

THE GREAT BANQUET IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke 14:1-35

Key Verse: 14:23

1. Read verses 1-6. Notice the contrasts in the banquet. What was the Pharisees' plot? How did Jesus show God's mercy and answer his accusers?
2. Read verses 7-11. What did Jesus notice and what did he teach the guests about being humble? Read verses 12-14. What advice did Jesus give his host? Whom should we invite to parties? Why? (Mt 25:36-40)
3. Read verses 15-24. What is this parable about? Who were the invited guests? (Ro 9:1-5) What excuses did invited guests give? Why? Who finally sat down at the banquet table? What is God's kingdom like?
4. Read verses 25-27. What must one overcome in order to be Jesus' disciple and sit at the heavenly banquet? What does he mean by "hate"? "Carry his cross"? In what way is the invitation to disciples like the banquet invitation?
5. Read verses 28-33. What one point do these two illustrations teach? What is the cost of following Jesus? What does this mean? To you? Read verses 34-35. What does it mean to lose our saltiness?