

LifeGroup Discussion | Parable of the Great Dinner | Week of 10/26/25

Main Passage: Luke 14:1–24

Supporting Passages: Mark 16:15; Romans 10:14–15; Isaiah 61:1–3

Culture Code Emphasis: *Presence > Preference*

Main Idea/Question: How can we live like people who have already been invited to God's banquet—and carry that same invitation to others?

Key Areas of the Sermon

- **The Invitation Is Sent** — *The Kingdom isn't a burden to earn, it's a banquet to receive.*
- **Come Now—It's Ready** — *God's invitation is in the present tense. "Everything is ready now."*
- **Don't Miss What's Been Offered** — *The danger isn't always rebellion; sometimes it's distraction.*
- **Carry the Invitation** — *Those who have come to the table are now sent to invite others.*
- **The Kingdom Is a Banquet, Not a Burden** — *God isn't after what you can do for Him; He wants you to receive what He's done for you.*

PORCH TALK (casual discussion over food or interactions)

- What did you hear on Sunday?
- Did you learn anything new?
- How can we take what we discussed and live it out this week?
- How can we pray for one another as we respond to God's invitation?

 **Anchor Verse:** Luke 14:17

"Come, for everything is ready now."

Reflective Passages: *Matthew 22:1–10; Isaiah 25:6–9; Revelation 19:6–9; 2 Corinthians 6:2*

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LIVING ROOM (deeper discussion for those who heard the sermon)

1) The Invitation Is Sent

Read: Luke 14:16–17; 2 Corinthians 6:2

Context: Jesus describes the Kingdom not as a courtroom, but as a banquet—already prepared, already paid for.

Say: The Christian life doesn't start with a task list—it starts with an invitation. God's invitation isn't conditional; it's complete. The table is already set.

Ask: What makes it hard to believe God's invitation is really for you—right now, as you are? How does viewing the Kingdom as a banquet change how you view your faith?

Supporting Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6–9; Revelation 19:9

2) Don't Miss What's Been Offered

Read: Luke 14:18–20; Matthew 22:5

Context: Guests decline the banquet because of land, work, and relationships—good things that became ultimate things, temporary priorities given greater significance and overshadowing the importance of the invitation.

Say: The danger isn't just rebellion; it's distraction. We can admire the invitation and still miss the meal.

Ask: Which excuse do you most relate to—busyness, comfort, fear, or success? How can you guard your heart from letting “good things” crowd out the invitation of Jesus?

Supporting Scriptures: Luke 10:38–42 (Mary & Martha); Proverbs 27:1; James 4:13–15

Key Insight: *Every “not now” risks becoming “not ever.”*

3) Carry the Invitation

Read: Luke 14:21–23; Mark 16:15; Romans 10:14–15

Context: When the first guests refused, the master didn't cancel the banquet—he expanded it. The invitation went to the poor, the broken, and the forgotten.

Say: Saved people become sent people. You're not just invited to the table—you're sent to fill it.

Ask: Who is one person God might be asking you to invite to His table this week? What might it look like to “carry the invitation” in your everyday life?

Supporting Scriptures: Isaiah 61:1–3; 2 Corinthians 5:20

Reflective Passages: *Matthew 22:1–10; Isaiah 25:6–9; Revelation 19:6–9; 2 Corinthians 6:2*

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Key Insight: *The gospel doesn't stop with you—it flows through you.*

AFTER GLOW (reflection or follow-up)

Read: Luke 14:22–23; Revelation 19:9

Say: The house isn't full yet. There's still room—still grace, still mercy, still blessing. God's heart is that His table be filled, and He's chosen us to ring the bell.

Ask:

- What keeps you from inviting others into faith or church community?
- How does remembering your own invitation (and who invited you) inspire you to do the same?
- What's one practical way you can “ring the bell” this week—through a conversation, a text, or an act of kindness?

Reflection Verse: Luke 14:23

“Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.”

Follow-Up & Challenge

- **Pray specifically:** Ask God to show you one person who needs His invitation this week. Write their name down and pray for them daily.
- **Reach intentionally:** Send the text. Make the call. Extend the invite — to church, LifeGroup, or even just coffee. Don't wait for the perfect moment; move when God prompts.
- **Respond personally:** Say yes to what the Holy Spirit stirs in you. Obedience always opens doors for someone else's breakthrough.
- **Rejoice expectantly:** Celebrate when someone says yes. One simple invitation can change a life forever.

Legacy Challenge: *Before next Sunday, invite at least one person to experience the Kingdom. Then come ready to share what God did — because there's still room at the table.*

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