



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Happy day
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Our God saves
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SINGING TOGETHER Your love never fails
My Jesus, My Saviour
BIBLE READING Luke 14:1, 7-24 (Church Bible page 1099)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Let your kingdom come, (Your glorious cause O God)



Can you see it? ~4
The danger of familiarity.
(Parable of the Great Banquet)
Luke 14:1, 7-24

1. Familiarity breeds _____.

'One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.' Luke 14:1 NIV

'Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."'

Luke 14:12-14 NIV

'Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.' Luke 14:15 NIV

2. Familiarity makes _____.

'A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.' Luke 14:16 NIV

'At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'" Luke 14:17 NIV

'But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I have just got married, so I can't come.'" Luke 14:18-20 NIV

3. An unfamiliar _____.

'The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' Luke 14:21-24 NIV

'The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.' Matthew 21:43 NIV

1. _____ the invitation from Jesus.

'Come, for everything is now ready.' Luke 14:17 NIV

2. _____ making excuses to Jesus.

'Then the owner of the house became angry.' Luke 14:21 NIV

3. _____ can come to Jesus.

'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in.' Luke 14:23 NIV

'Seek first the kingdom of God.' Matthew 6:33 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What is the worst excuse you have ever given to turn down an invitation?
2. Read Luke 14:1-14. Discuss why Jesus directed these words to the host, a prominent Pharisee, and other Pharisees at the event?
3. Before you became a Christian, did you think you were already one? What caused you to have doubts and truly become a Christian?
4. Read the Parable of the Great Banquet in Luke 14:15-24.
 - Who would Jesus be referring to as the 'host' of this banquet?
 - Who would Jesus be referring to as the ones making excuses not to attend?
 - Are they sincere excuses?
 - Why would the 'host' be angry?
 - Who are the people now being invited to fill the Master's House?
5. Discuss the common excuses people make in putting off salvation.
6. As a Christian, how do you respond to someone making these common excuses?
7. What does it look like to live a life of invitation? What stops you from inviting people to the party (God's kingdom)?
8. What would it look like in our lives each day if we truly did seek first the Kingdom of God?

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