



Study Guide – Sunday 16 May 2021

Please read Luke 14.1-14

1. What do we learn about the character of God and his Kingdom from Jesus' parable in verses 7-11?
2. Can you identify the situation(s) in your life where you are most likely to try to 'grab the best seat' – that is, 'promote yourself'? How might you apply Jesus' teaching here into that situation?
3. In verses 12-13, Jesus contrasts the Kingdom values of invitation and hospitality with that of the Pharisees. How are they different and how might you better reflect the kingdom in how you offer hospitality?

Please read Luke 14.15-24

Many who are invited will give their excuses – because they will prioritise other things in life. Attendance at the banquet is based on active response to the invitation, not simply the receipt of an invitation. Those missing out are proud, presumptuous and unresponsive – they continue to focus on their own priorities rather than God's. Those entering the kingdom are responsive to the invitation and are humble, repentant and believing.

Matthew 21.31. Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.'

4. What do you think about how Jesus speaks to the Pharisees about God's invitation to them? How does this speak to us?
5. In verses 21-23, we catch something of the heart, passion and priorities of God's desire to fill every space at his banquet table. What impresses and challenges you most about this?

v21 **"Go out quickly** into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame."

v23 "Go out to the roads and country lanes and **compel them to come in**, so that my house will be full."

6. The invitation is urgent! Please read **2 Corinthians 5.11, 14-15, 20**. How do these verses help us consider how we might reflect the urgency of God's kingdom in our everyday lives?