

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Do you assume that you are saved or do you know with certainty that you are?
2. Do the excuses in the parable sound familiar to you? Which one in particular? Why do you think you are making that excuse?
3. Is there a person(s) in your life that you really want to join you at the dinner table with Jesus? What steps can you take to invite them to Jesus?

Kingdom Stories: The Parable of the Dinner

“Will You Be Joining Jesus for Dinner?”

Luke 14:16-24

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Introduction/Setting for the Parable

I. THE INVITATION (14:16-17)

¹⁶ But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; ¹⁷ and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’

II. THE EXCUSES (14:18-20)

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’ ¹⁹ “Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’ ²⁰ “Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’

III. THE NEW INVITEES (14:21-23)

²¹ *“And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’* ²² *“And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’* ²³ *“And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.*

IV. THE APPLICATION (14:24)

²⁴ *‘For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’ ”*