

Key Scriptures:

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10 ESV

But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banguet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.""

Luke 14:17-24

TALK IT OVER

The goal of group discussion is to grow in relationship and apply the truths we learned about on Sunday. Feel free to use the following questions as a guide or lead the discussion in a way that works best for your particular group.

- How long have you been attending Pathway Church?
- Can anyone in your group recite our mission statement from memory?
- Mission clarifies the **why** behind the **what**? Do you have a clear mission for your life or family? How would it help if you did?
- When you think about the word **lost** ... what kind of person comes to mind?
- How does our view of others change when we realize that we are <u>all lost</u> and in need of a saviour?
- Cancel culture is on the rise in our society. We are tempted to write off anyone who disagrees with our point of view. How is this dangerous to the mission of our church? What practical steps might we take to avoid going down this road?
- In the parable of the banquet the invited guests reject their invitation for 3 reasons: Possessions, Work, Relationships. Are any of these things obstacles for you to whole-heartedly follow Jesus?
- God's table is ultimately filled with many people no one would have ever expected to be there. What part will we play.
- Discuss as a group some ways that we can reach out to our community and share the message of Christ with them. Share any great ideas with us by sending an email to <u>nathan@pathwaylife.com</u>
- Pray together