

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon: Kingdom Stories *"There's Still Room"*

Text: *Luke 14:16-24*

Introduction:

Think about a time when you received an invitation that was especially meaningful to you. What made that invitation matter?

What is the difference between **being invited somewhere** and actually **accepting the invitation**?

 **Text:** Look at Luke 14:16-17 "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests... 'Come, for everything is now ready.'"

Discuss:

1. What do you notice about the host's actions before any guest responds?
2. Why is it significant that the invitation comes after the banquet has already been prepared?
3. How does this challenge the idea that we have to become "good enough" before coming to God?

Luke 14:18-20 When Good Things Become Excuses

Discuss:

3. Why do you think Jesus chose ordinary, legitimate responsibilities as the excuses in this story?
4. Why might "good things" actually be more difficult to recognize as spiritual obstacles than obviously sinful things?
5. What is the difference between something being a blessing from God and something becoming a substitute for God?

Consider: Matthew 6:19-21, 6:33; Luke 9:57-62, 12:13-21. What are some signs that something good has begun to take a place in our lives that belongs to God?

What is one area of your life that would be difficult to surrender or rearrange if Jesus asked you to? Why?

The most dangerous response may not be **"No."**

It may be **"Not right now."**

Discuss:

6. Why is procrastination spiritually dangerous?

7. Why do you think people are comfortable telling themselves they will respond to God "someday"?

8. What kinds of circumstances do we commonly use to justify delaying obedience?

Hebrews 3:7-8 "Today, if only you would hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."

2 Corinthians 6:2 "Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

James 4:13-17 James challenges the assumption that we control tomorrow.

Personal Reflection:

Is there something God has been asking you to do, surrender, confess, forgive, or change that you have been putting off?

John's question: "Is there a seat for me at the table?"

Discuss

9. Why do you think that question resonates so deeply with people?

10. What are some reasons people might believe they are not worthy of God's invitation?

11. How does the Gospel answer the fear that "I've gone too far" or "I'm not good enough for God"?

Cross References: Luke 15:11-24; Romans 5:8; 1 John 1:9; John 6:37

Deeper Question: What is the difference between feeling unworthy of God's grace and refusing to receive God's grace?

Discuss:

12. Who first invited you toward Jesus?

13. Who is someone in your life who may need an invitation toward Jesus right now?

14. What would it look like to invite that person without treating evangelism as simply "getting them to church"?

Then consider: **What would it look like for you to become the servant in this story this week?**

 **Close in prayer:**

**"All those the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."**

John 6:37