

More Than a Meal Discussion Guide
You're Invited! - Lesson 1
(November 10, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share an invitation to a meal you gladly accepted.

Dive Deeper: Luke 14:15-24

1. What does the invitation to the banquet represent in this parable? Why do you think the initial guests made excuses to not accept the invitation?
2. What did the initial guests' excuses reveal about their hearts and distractions? What excuses do people use today with God's invitation to salvation and an intimate relationship with him?
3. After the original guests refused to attend the banquet, who was then invited? Who do these people represent? What was Jesus emphasizing by inviting the second group of people? How does this reflect God's heart for the world?
4. If believers are to reflect God's heart, how can we invite the spiritually hungry to the feast that God has prepared for them? What excuses do we use to avoid sharing our faith or inviting others to church? If you knew your ONE invitation would result in 15 people attending church, how would this change your attitude? (We witnessed this in our worship services on November 3.)
5. Who does the host in this parable represent? What does his response to his guests' rejections teach us about God's justice and grace? How is our responsibility to God similar to the servant's role in this passage? Knowing the urgency of this passage, who could you invite to church?
6. Read Luke 14:23-24 and Revelation 19:9. What practices do we need to establish so excuses or distractions do not keep us from a relationship with God and the wedding feast of the Lamb in eternity?

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?