



The Gospel of Luke – Extraordinary Invitation

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Key Verses: Luke 14: 15 - 24

Summary

- In the series on Luke we have explored how Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 61 - bringing freedom and healing to those society has overlooked. He often did this through eating and drinking - through being at parties. The parable in Luke 14 extends an extraordinary invitation for us to join the Kingdom party.
- To be invited into God's loving presence as fallen humans is an extraordinary invitation. And the danger is that we can get used to something that is actually quite extraordinary. Life can get in the way. And when the time comes to respond to this invitation, to fully engage with the Kingdom, we can struggle with finding the space in our lives just like the party guests in the parable.
- Through the presence of the Holy Spirit we can have an intimate relationship with Jesus in our lives and we can respond to his invitation, welcoming us into community, to live a life full of expectancy for Kingdom breakthrough and to become a co-host with Him and invite others to join in.

Small Group Questions

- 1.) What about this passage stands out to you?
- 2.) Who do you think Jesus was talking about with the first invitations that were turned down?
- 3.) Who do you think the second group Jesus was talking about are?
- 4.) Which are you?
- 5.) In Jess' sermon she talks about three invitations...
 - An Invitation into Christ-centred Community,
 - An Invitation into a lifestyle of expecting Kingdom breakthrough,
 - An Invitation to become a host,

How is Jesus asking you to see and arrange your life around these invitations on Jesus?

To ponder or pray about this week...

How will you practice being host to the Kingdom of God this week? What do you need to do to make room in your life/diary/home to look for opportunities God is inviting you into this week?

Some practical ideas:

It may look like a simple act of kindness, inviting someone for a meal that doesn't typically get invited for a meal, or bringing along someone who isn't part of the church to the Community Funday on Sunday and providing their lunch for them.