

### III. GO OUT, QUICKLY, COMPEL ALL TO COME!

#### The Son's Great Commission

*"21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'*

*22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'*

*23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'* Luke 14:21-23

The host has lost face, the rich food was going to waste, and he certainly wanted his home full! Now he tells his servants, "Go to the streets and lanes and bring in the poor, crippled, blind and lame". But still there was room! So, he commanded, go out quickly to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in *that my house may be filled!* (His grace included those on Jesus' guest list given to the Pharisees v.13). These sidelined folks felt unworthy and were hesitant to come, so they needed to be compelled! The servants were to go with a sense of urgency, personal obligation, and strongly persuaded these socially good-for-nothings and non-religious Gentiles! There's a role reversal here: the invited refused to come, but those excluded now participate!

**Concluding Challenge:** - Let's Go Out to Bring Others... *Home!*  
God invites everyone to his heavenly... Home. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. There's room enough for us and "the others" – lost sheep without a Savior (John.10:16). No one must take the Gospel of grace for granted! God's offer expires soon! Jesus is coming again, or we may die! "Other" *people need the Lord!* Remember, not everyone will accept God's invite but there's still room! So, we must compel others to come to Christ. Our Lord commissioned us to, "Go, Home to our family" and "Go to into all the world, *the nations!*" Let's go out and bring others... *Home!*

**BRING OTHERS HOME TODAY!**

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#### INTRODUCTION

- A. Home is where the heart is...Make yourself at home... Home sweet home...Home away from home. This list goes on and on. We sure do like to talk a lot about "home".

At home you are family. You are safe and you can be yourself. You are loved and you are cherished.

God desires to welcome you home and for you to experience all the aspects of being home. Romans 15:7, says.  
*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."* (ESV)

The problem is most people have never found "home". This sad reality breaks God's heart and it should break our hearts.

- B. Our Welcome Home teaching series will teach you how to find "home" in four different ways. This series features the following messages:

June 28	Welcome Home...Who You Are In God's Family
July 5	Finding Home With Jesus
July 12	Finding Home With Relationships
July 19	Finding Home With Church
July 26	Finding Home With Heaven
TODAY	Bringing Others Home

- C. **TEXT:** Luke 14:15-24 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1428/New Test.)

This passage is called the Parable Of The Great Banquet.

## HOW TO BRING OTHERS HOME

### I. YOU ARE INVITED! RSVP

God's *gracious Invitation*:

*"Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,"* Luke 14:16

*Context:* A Jewish guest is sure he will to be at the Messianic Banquet (Isaiah 25:6). Jesus, Messiah tells a parable where the host of a great banquet sends out his servants and invites many guests.

In shame-honor cultures, timing is everything at such cultural events. The day has been set, and guests are required to confirm. They RSVP that they will be ready!

Elaborate preparations have been made to welcome an exact number of guests to this grand feast. Now everything is ready, so the master sends his servants to welcome the invitees in their proper attire to his... home!

### II. THE HOST BECAME ANGRY!

God's *righteous Indignation* (v.21)

*"So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'" Luke 14:21*

The servants return and report that the guests turned down the invitation, at the last minute! The host is totally disappointed and very angry. He has been disrespected at the final hour!

All they offered were senseless excuses: one said he was buying land and had to go check its value before the settlement process. Another purchased ten oxen and was on his way to the farm to inspect them. A third recently got married and felt he needed to spend time with his wife.

Since they all previously confirmed, these were all insincere, insolent excuses that insulted a gracious host. They were avoiding the call, didn't want to be inconvenienced, and had more important obligations. In short, they were rejecting the host's goodness, and some injured his servants!