

B. God wants everyone to attend.

“6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” Revelation 19:6-9

IV. GO AND INVITE

A. There is still room at the feast.

“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 14:22-23

B. Go and invite.

“18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

II Corinthians 5:18-20

See God’s Love For People And Join Him In His Mission

JESUS’ STORIES

The Story Of The Great Feast

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INTRODUCTION

A. Jesus was a master story teller. The stories He told were called “Parables.” A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus explained why he told these stories,

“And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You speak to them in parables? He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given”.

Matthew 13:10-11

He used common subjects and every day experiences to reveal deep truths about God, His kingdom and ourselves.

B. There are approximately forty parables in Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus taught. This teaching series will focus on eight of these parables that reveal valuable lessons for building your story today. The messages include:

Feb 20 The Story Of The Wise & Foolish Builders

Feb 27 The Story Of The Sower, Seed & Soils

Mar 6 The Story Of The Good Samaritan

Mar 13 The Stories Of The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl Of Great Price

Mar 20 The Story Of The Talents

Mar 27 The Story Of The Prodigal Son

Apr 3 The Story Of The Rich Man & Lazarus

TODAY The Story Of The Great Feast

Come and hear these messages learn valuable lessons for building your story today.

C. TEXT: Luke 14:15-24

The Actors:

- The master.
- The servant.
- The guests who refused to come.
- The poor, maimed, lame, and blind.

The Lesson: See God’s Love For People And Join Him In His Mission.

HOW TO JOIN GOD IN HIS MISSION

Jesus tells the Story of the Great Feast while he was at a dinner at the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees. Prior to this dinner, Jesus lamented over Jerusalem and her hard hearted religious leaders who would one day demand his crucifixion. This shows Jesus' love for even those who have hard hearts against Him. Now he is at a dinner party with some self righteous Pharisees who wish to test and observe Him. But it is Jesus who observes them and finds them lacking. The Pharisees who wish to eat bread in the kingdom of God, tragically dine next to Him without understanding who He is. Jesus tells the Story of The Great Feast to show the hard hearted Pharisees that they were in grave danger of missing the kingdom of God and to show God's heart that there is still plenty of room in His kingdom for the broken and outcast.

I. GOD PREPARES A FEAST FOR HIS PEOPLE

“15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

16 Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,

17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’”

Luke 14:15-17

II. SOME REJECT GOD’S INVITATION

A. Some make excuses.

“18 But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’

19 And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’

20 Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’” Luke 14:18-20

B. Say yes to the invitation while you can.

“For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.” Luke 14:24

“6 Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon” Isaiah 55:6-7

C. How to say yes to God.

“9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

13 For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’” Romans 10:9-13

III. SEE THE HEART OF GOD

A. God’s plans to save people are not stopped.

“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