

# MESSAGES

## READY FOR DINNER

STORIES WORTH LIVING, THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PART 6 | PASTOR MARK LYNCH

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*"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'" (Luke 14:23)*

### Dinner with Jesus (Luke 14:12-15)

Jesus Invited to Dinner

Jesus Challenged the Status Quo

Response of Pharisee (Luke 14:15, Isaiah 25:6)

### Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)

Invitations Sent

Excuses Made

Invitations: Round 2

The Banquet is a Picture of Heaven

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God longs to be with \_\_\_\_\_

The Banquet will not be \_\_\_\_\_

The only responsibility for people is to \_\_\_\_\_

### Being Ready for Dinner

Beware of Arrogance (Luke 14:24)

Lose the Excuses

Being Ready to Celebrate

# STUDY GUIDE

1. This weekend at Eastbrook, we continue in our summer series, "Luke: Stories Worth Living." Ask God to speak to you before reading Luke 14:12-24 aloud.
2. What is the greatest celebration/party you have ever attended? What made it great?
3. In the parable, who is the host of the party? How does the host (God) make it easy for people to attend? (is there a dress code, gift registry, etc.)
4. The first invites bring 3 different excuses for not attending the banquet. Would you say that the excuses are sincere? Discuss. How is this a picture of how humans respond to God?
5. How would you react if you went to great efforts to put together a great banquet and everyone you invited replied with excuses for not attending?
6. The host sends a servant out to invite all other people. What types of people are invited? How might this challenge the status quo of religious elites of the day? What does this indicate about the heart of the host?
7. Read verse 24. Who are the people that will not be allowed in the banquet? Why might this be a surprise to them?
8. What can we learn about making excuses that keep us being with God? What are excuses that we make for not being with God in our daily lives?
9. What are some ways that we include celebration in our spiritual lives? Might we need to make celebration a greater part of how we live as Christ followers? If we lead celebratory lives, what message are we sending to our city and world?
10. Take time and close in prayer for one another.

# READING PLAN

To encourage us together in our growth with God, we arranged a weekday reading plan through this series. As you read each day, ask God to speak to you from His word.

Monday, July 17	Luke 14:15-24
Tuesday, July 18	Revelation 19:6-19
Wednesday, July 19	Mathew 22:1-14
Thursday, July 20	Acts 13:42-48
Friday, July 21	Zechariah 3:1-5