

WORSHIP

Kingdom Come

The Invitation | Luke 14:15-24
Peter Salmon | June 28, 2020

Make a list of the characters and events in this parable and what they represent:

The Parable of the Banquet answers 4 big questions about Christianity. How does this parable answer the following questions?

1. What is it like to become a Christian?
2. How can I become a Christian?
3. Who will go to heaven?
4. If I don't become a Christian, is it a big deal?

NEXT WEEK: ReGathering Sunday! Judges 7

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

Leaders, remind your group that our mission is to "make disciples who make disciples". Share about ways that small groups help fulfill this mission.

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: *What is an excuse that you hate hearing from others? Have you ever been caught in a lame excuse?*

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Read Luke 14:15-24. Who do the characters in the story represent?
2. What is Jesus trying to communicate to those in the room with him?
3. Pastor Peter listed 4 big questions that that this parable addresses. Review how it answers these four questions.

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

4. Do any of the answers to these 4 questions challenge your current beliefs about Christianity?
5. What are some of the excuses that you had before putting your faith in Jesus? How did you work through those excuses?

6. Has anyone in the group not yet accepted this invitation? What questions do you still have?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. All of us have been sent to make this invitation. Who is your "one"? Give an update to the group on them and spend time praying for each other's "ones".