



# **Plot Twist: Week 8**

The Parable of the Great Banquet

**BIG IDEA:** 

Will you say "Yes" to the invitation?

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:15-24

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### **OPENING QUESTIONS**

- 1. Share an excuse you made up or an invitation you declined that you later regretted.
- 2. What do you think makes a party fun?

#### IN THE WORD

- 1. Do you think the man who made the statement in Luke 14:15 understood what Jesus was saying in verses 14:13-14? What point was Jesus making in verses 13-14?
- 2. Why do you think the invited guest in Luke 14:18 is really not coming?
- 3. Compare the reasons that the guests in Luke 14:19-20 turned down the invitation. How are they similar or different?
- 4. Who are the people in Luke 14:21 that Jesus is referring to bringing into the banquet?
- 5 Luke 14:24 seems harsh. How would you explain that passage to someone who does not know Jesus as Savior?

#### MAKING IT PERSONAL

- 1. How do you feel when someone declines your invitation?
- 2. Name some of the reasons people decline Jesus' invitation to the great banquet today?
- 3. Do you give up opportunities or things to attend the great banquet?
- 4. What do you think the great banquet to be like?
- 5. How you can make the invitation to the banquet clear to people you know that do not follow Jesus.

#### CONTINUED LEARNING

In Jesus' day two invitations were sent for wedding celebrations or banquets. One sent far ahead like a save the date invitation. Then, when the banquet was ready, servants were sent out to alert guests. Those in Luke 14 are rejecting this final invitation which is a huge insult to the individual and the hosting family. Read Matthew 22:1-14 and see what Jesus is saying to His audience and to us.

## O I WILL:

I will obey something from God's Word in the next 24-48 hours.

## O I WILL SHARE:

I will share, with either a believer or non-believer, what God is teaching me and what I'm learning.

## **Notes & Prayers**

