

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

BIBLE STUDY Theme: “Go Out Quickly”

SCRIPTURE – Luke 14:15-23 (v.21)

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.

¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³ “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.

I. Key Words:

- Banquet
- Helplessness
- Opportunity
- Command
- Compassion

II. People, Places & Times:

- Householder
- Servant
- Invited Guest

III. Background:

- The basic message of the Parable of the Great Banquet could be stated this way: "The tragedy of the Jewish rejection of Christ has opened the door of salvation to the Gentiles. The blessings of the kingdom are available to all who will come to Christ by faith." Christians were demoralized and discouraged because centuries of tradition were replaced with spiritual freedom based upon faith in Christ.
- The inclusion of the Gentiles is a fulfillment of Hosea 2:23, "I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'" God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9), and "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

IV. Make it happen:

1. What does "Go Out Quickly" mean to the followers of Christ?

2. What banquet has God prepared for us?

3. What opportunities do we have to help others to get to the banquet?

4. Why do we need to go quickly?

5. What does the word command mean and what is the supreme command Christ has given us?

6. Why is compassion important as we go out to minister to the world?

V. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?
