

Reach Continually - Luke 14:16-24

Intro: Have you ever made an excuse to avoid doing something? This is common in our day and was in also in Jesus' day.

I. An _____ Invitation – Luke 14:16

- Great Banquet – Out of the ordinary. Beyond compare.

II. An _____ Rejection – Luke 14:17-20

A. New _____

B. New Farm _____

C. New _____

Jesus is making a point to those at the Pharisees' dinner party that they are guilty of making excuses and rejecting God's invitation, by rejecting the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus.

III. An _____ Mission – Luke 14:21-24

A. Reach Continually as a _____ – "Quickly"

B. Reach Continually All _____ – 14:21, 23

1. The _____

2. The _____

3. The _____

4. The _____

5. The Least _____

C. Reach Continually with _____ – 14:23

Conclusion: Everything is prepared by Christ for salvation, forgiveness, hope, eternal life.

Everything is prepared for people that need to be reached and receive what they need from the great provision of God's grace.

Everything is prepared for us to reach continually.

Small Group Questions

1. Have you ever planned an event or gathering, and people invited were not able to come? How does that feel?
2. What was the point that Jesus sought to make with this parable?
3. Why was the master of the banquet offended by the excuses given by invited guests?
4. Compare the differences between a common banquet given in Jesus' day (Luke 14:12) and what Jesus said to do (14:13-14). What is the spiritual application to what Jesus taught?
5. Explain the "mission" that the master of the banquet gave to his servant (Luke 14:21-23). How does this apply to our purpose of "reach continually"?
6. Discuss ways that our church, or each of us as individuals can reach the five types of people listed in the sermon notes.
7. What are some excuses that we as a church or individuals may need to set aside to continually reach out to others.
8. How is God calling you to think differently?
9. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?