

C. The Main Point of Jesus' Story of the Great Banquet:

1. Who are you in this story?
 - a. Are you one of the originally invited guests whose pride, wealth, social standing or religious nature prevents you from seeing the mercy & generosity of God?
 - b. Are you one of the poor, crippled, blind and lame?
2. We live life before 2 audiences at the same time:
 - a. Before other _____
 - b. Before _____
 - c. We tend to get the priority of those two audiences mixed up
3. The mercy & generosity of God for you

Conclusion:

- A. The Alabaster Jar People
- B. Holy Communion
- C. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

Sermon Notes
August 18, 2019 – Luke 14:16-24
Jesus Stories 4: The Great Inviter

Summary: We think that we know ourselves accurately, but we often read ourselves wrong. In the Story of the Great Banquet, Jesus shows us humility will help us to read ourselves accurately and see the mercy and generosity that God has for us.

Intro: The two Sydneys – reading things the wrong way & ending up in the wrong place

- A. What if the map that we most need to read correctly is _____ ?
- B. That is why Jesus came
 1. To help us see ourselves as we really _____
 2. So that we become open to the generous invitation of _____ with God that Jesus is giving us

I. Background

- A. B _____
 1. Hospitality
 2. Reciprocity
 3. Two _____

B. Pharisees

1. _____ beliefs
2. _____ beliefs

C. The Shared Characteristics of those present: same social group, wealthy, religious, filled with _____

II. The Story of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)

A. The First Invitation (v. 16)

B. The Second Invitation (v. 17)

C. The Excuses (vv. 18-20)

D. The Insult to the Host

E. The Host's Response

1. Invited everyone in the town (v. 21)
2. Invite everyone in the surrounding countryside (vv. 22-23)
3. Permanent exclusion for those who were invited first (v. 24)

III. Understanding Jesus' Story

A. The key is what happened at the banquet

_____ to Jesus telling the story of the Great Banquet

1. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath –
m_____
2. The pride of the banquet guest gave Jesus an opportunity to teach about h_____ & generosity

B. Jesus is telling us

1. That God is like the host of a Great Banquet who is _____ people
 - a. To come into relationship & fellowship with Him
 - b. To enjoy the fullness of life with God
2. That mercy, humility and _____ are core values for God
3. That without humility
 - a. We will not read our own lives _____
 - b. We will not _____ the mercy & generosity God has for us
 - c. Without God in our lives, we will not _____ merciful & generous toward others