



# Briarwood

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day Morning — September 8, 2024

“The Gospel: Free, but Costly”

Luke 14:15–33

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1. The best things in life – are free, but costly.
2. God's free invitation
  - A. The first invitation was accepted
  - B. The call to dinner refused
  - C. The meaning of the invitations
    - The first invitations
    - The later invitations
    - The message
  - D. Invitations today
    - Worthy of an invitation?
    - Grace alone!
3. God's costly invitation
  - A. Parental love as an illustration
  - B. Faith first, free grace first, then costly service
  - C. Love God more than family
  - D. Love God more than self
  - E. Closing images
    - The tower
    - The general
    - The cost

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. We say “the best things in life are free.” In what sense is that true? False?
2. How does the parable of the banquet and the invitations resemble life in the real world? Do you ever say “Yes” and then “No” to an invitation? Why? How does Jesus’ parable illuminate those moments? How does the meaning of Jesus’ parable greatly surpass those moments in our lives?
3. Which part of Luke 14 do you need more – the free offer of the gospel and the Lord’s banquet, or the call to give up everything for the Lord, whom we love and follow?
4. Revisit the two short parables at the end: How is discipleship like building a tower? How is the refusal of the gospel like going to war against a mighty king?
5. What does this parable require believers to do? Does it stir a commitment to any goal?