

THE FEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke 14:1-35

Key Verse: 14:23

"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'"

Study Questions

1. Read verses 1-6. Notice the contrasts in this merciless banquet.

(What is dropsy?) What was the Pharisees' plot? How did Jesus show God's mercy and answer his accusers?

2. Read verses 7-11. What did Jesus notice and what did he teach the guests about being humble? Read verses 12-14. What advice did Jesus give his host? Whom should we invite to parties? Why? (Mt 25:36-40)

3. Read verses 15-24. What is this parable about? Who were the invited guests? (Ro 9:1-5) What excuses did invited guests give? Why? Who finally sat down at the banquet table? What is God's kingdom like?

4. Read verses 25-27. What must one overcome in order to be Jesus' disciple and sit at the heavenly banquet? What does he mean by "hate"? "Carry his cross"? In what way is the banquet invitation an invitation to discipleship?

5. Why should diligent Bible students never become complacent? (28-30) What does it mean to count the cost? Why is it worth it? How can we win the war? Read verses 31-33. What does it mean to be like salt?