

Lesson Seventeen:

The Great Banquet: Luke 14:15—24

Did someone ever invite you to do something
and you made up an excuse so you didn't have to go?

Lesson Questions:

1. Why do you think this man is giving a banquet?
2. Why didn't the original people who were invited want to come?
3. What were some of the excuses? Were they valid?
5. What did the man do to fill his banquet table?
6. Were the others who refused asked again?
7. Who does the man who gave the banquet represent?
8. Who are the people who originally received Invitations?
9. Who are the remainder of the people who were invited?
10. What is the banquet?
11. Of what does this parable warn us?
12. In Luke 14:12-14 what guidelines does Jesus give for giving a banquet? Besides giving a banquet, to what also does this refer?

Discussion Questions:

1. What invitations does God give us?
2. What kind of excuses do we use for not keeping in contact with God by reading His Word, going to church and praying to Him?

In the lesson for today, people were invited to a banquet. God invites each one of us to pray to Him. Our next lesson will speak of two men who prayed in two very different ways.

Prayer

Dear God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You have so much to offer me - so many blessings You want to give me. You offer peace, love, forgiveness, hope, baptism, prayer, communion. Thank you, Dear Lord, for all of these blessings. Unlike those in the lesson, let us never make an excuse for not hearing Your word or receiving Your blessings. Your gifts are free and offered to all. Thank You for being such a loving, forgiving Lord. We are needy, poor and sinful. Let us take every opportunity we have to be close to You. We finally look forward to enjoying the great blessing of being in heaven someday with You.