



#### **Pt. 4: Hidden in Plain Sight; Parable of the Great Banquet**

Jesus offers the Kingdom, a perpetual feast of peace, a feast of help, guidance, friendship, rest, victory over self, control of passions, supremacy over circumstances—a feast of joy, tranquillity, deathlessness, Heaven opened, immeasurable hope—salvation. Yet, people in Jesus’ day and in modern day turn their backs on this invitation, preferring to spend time with their possessions and worldly affections.

**Bottom Line:** The invitation to the Great Banquet of the Kingdom is for everyone.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe the best party you’ve ever been to. What made it great?
2. What kind of excuses have you used to get out of going to an event/party?
3. What would the evening be like at your house if Jesus accepted an invitation to eat dinner with you?
4. **Read Luke 14:16-20.** As the great banquet was being planned, those who were of a high status were invited. How did they respond to the invitation? Why did they respond this way? How would you have responded to the invitation?
5. Read **Luke 14:21,23.** Whom did the master invite to the banquet to replace the original invitees? How does this invitation connect to what Jesus says in **Matthew 5:3, 5**?
6. What is something in your life that may be keeping you from Jesus?
7. What is one way you can thank God this week for inviting you into his presence?
8. Whom can you invite to the Great Banquet this week? How can you extend that invitation?
9. How can your group support you this week?
10. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?