

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing the Invitation to the Banquet?
Luke 14:15-24

Question: Who will be at the banquet to end all banquets? (Is. 25)

I. The Introduction: The Statement that Prompts the Parable (vs. 15)

~ "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom"

II. Scene One: The Invitation to the Banquet (vs. 16-17)

~ "Come for everything is now ready"

III. Scene Two: The Unexpected Turn - Ridiculous Excuses (vs. 18-20)

~ "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them"

IV. Scene Three: The Unexpected Invitation to the Outsiders (vs. 21-24)

~ "bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame"

Answer: Not those we might normally think. Indeed, it is only those who respond to the master's invitation. Have you?

Points to Ponder: Grace is unbelievable! This means that our invitation must convince those who think themselves undeserving. How does our witness better fit this description? How can we speak to those who especially feel they are undeserving?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Luke 14:25-35** 'Am I Missing the Cost of Following Jesus?'

