

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Parable (Stories of Grace)

Week of April 6, 2019

### Week 6: Compelled by Grace (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

#### *Luke 14:16-23*

This is the final week in our study of Jesus' parables. In it we studied the motivation of an evangelist. We need to be lit on fire with a passion to reach people who are far from God. That evangelistic fire can be kindled in us through "The Parable of the Great Banquet."

**Kicking it off:** If you were going to a great banquet, what would you order off the menu if cost was no object?

#### **Discussion:**

1. Reread the beginning of the parable as found in *Luke 14:16-17* "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'"

In what ways is life with God like a "great banquet?" Why do many view Christianity as dull?

2. Reread *Luke 14:18-20* But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it." Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out." Still another said, "I just got married, so I can't come."

How would you categorize these three excuses for not seeking God? Which excuse is most prevalent in our culture today?

3. Reread *Luke 14:23* Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full."

How can we compel people to turn to God?

4. Why does God burn with a desire for "his house to be full?"
5. Why are some Christians extremely motivated to "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," while many Christians are not motivated to do so at all?
6. Who is God calling you to invite to His Great Banquet? What is holding you back?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God would stoke a fire of motivation in each of us for the task of inviting and compelling others to join God's Great Banquet.