

# God's Great Invitation

(Luke 14:15-24)

## Introduction

**A) In any gathering of people, God is certainly at work in the hearts of at least a few.**

*"Therefore, the Jews began persecuting Jesus<sup>[e]</sup> because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus responded to them, "My Father is still working, and I am working also" (John 5:16-17)*

**B) Contextualize Luke 14.**

1) Jesus attended a dinner party at the home of a Pharisee. They were watching his every move in order to gain opportunity to discredit Him.

2) Jesus used the meal setting to invite them to follow Him. His invitation included teachings about a future banquet called the Marriage Supper of The Lamb.

3) From this incident, we find several principles concerning God's call on a person's life or God's invitation to follow Him in obedience.

## I. God Is The One Who Extends The Invitation (v. 15-16)

**A) His sovereign invitation (v. 16a)**

**B) Multiple recipients (v. 16b-17)**

**C) Your expected submission (v. 7-14)**

## II. The Invitation Can Be Refused (v. 18-20)

**A) We Put Materialism Before God (v. 18)**

**B) We Put Careers Before God (v. 19)**

**C) We Put Others Before God (v. 20)**

### **III. The Invitation Can Be Removed**

**A) Invitation is Persistent (v. 23)**

**B) Limited in Duration (v. 21)**

**C) Costly to Reject (v. 24)**

### **Conclusion**

What is God calling you to do today?

Salvation?

Obedience?

Repentance?