

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PARABLE OF THE BANQUET

LUKE 14:15-24

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS



1. What did the man giving the banquet do before the party?
2. Why did he get mad that no one came?
3. When his friends gave excuses not to come, what did he tell his servant to do?
4. What excuses do you give when you don't really want to do something? Do you ever give God excuses?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH



1. In this parable, we see a few different excuses from the people invited to the banquet. One person has a field they have to take care of. Another has a new wife. What sorts of excuses do we see today for people not living out their faith?
2. Are you letting excuses get in the way of living out your faith? If so, how can you overcome those excuses?
3. **Challenge:** Don't let an excuse get in the way of you deepening your faith! Make your Bible reading and prayer a priority before you do anything else that day.

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS



1. The master invited those he invited because they showed all the signs they would accept his invitation. But they didn't accept. What does this truth say about the kingdom of God?
2. If you were one of the poor, crippled, blind or lame, how would you feel about being invited to the banquet? What does this truth say about the kingdom of God?
3. The master could have waited for each of those invited to finish whatever they needed to do, and then start the banquet, but he didn't. The banquet would not be postponed. It went as planned. How does this parable make you rethink your life priorities?