

# God Expects Your Partaking of His Kingdom, Not Just Your RSVP

---

Luke 14:15-24 ▪ March 29, 2026 ▪ Ryan Wildauer

God graciously \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ of His kingdom (*reign*). (vv. 16-17)

We often \_\_\_\_\_ God's kingdom (*reign*) for \_\_\_\_\_ pursuits. (vv. 18-20)

God is committed to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of His kingdom (*reign*). (vv. 21-23)

\_\_\_\_\_ God's invitation comes with fatal \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 21, 24)

## ***Luke 14:15-24***

---

<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" <sup>16</sup> But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

<sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' <sup>19</sup> And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' <sup>20</sup> And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

<sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

<sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'" (ESV)

## ***Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions***

---

**Open:** Think of a time when you were invited to something but didn't actually go. What kept you from attending, and how did you feel afterward?

**Read & Discuss:** Luke 14:15-24

1. One of the dinner guests exclaimed, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" (v. 15). Why do you think people often assume they will be part of God's Kingdom simply because they like the *idea* of it? What are some ways we confuse *admiring* the Kingdom with actually *entering* it?
2. In the parable, the invited guests all have excuses, many of which may have seemed reasonable (vv. 18–20). Why do you think good things (work, possessions, relationships) can so easily become excuses that keep us from responding to God? Which kinds of "good excuses" tend to pull your heart away from spiritual attentiveness?
3. Jesus' story shows that for some the issue isn't ignorance but indifference. What does this reveal about the danger of spiritual apathy? The master becomes angry (v. 21) at the way people treat his invitation. How would this challenge someone's tendency to assume God would offer them a gracious exception?
4. The master then invites "the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame" (v. 21). Who do these people metaphorically represent? What does this reveal about the heart of God and the nature of His Kingdom? How does this inform our assumptions about who belongs at God's table?
5. Even after the house begins to fill, the master says, "There is still room" (v. 22). How does God's desire for a full house shape the way we think about evangelism, hospitality, and the mission of the church? Where do you sense God calling you to "go out" in your own relational circles?
6. The parable ends with a sobering line: "None of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet" (v. 24). How does this warning sit with you? What does it reveal about the difference between *being invited* and *actually partaking*?
7. When you think about your own life, where do you see signs of genuine "partaking"—actively submitting to Christ, walking with Christ, and enjoying Christ's Kingdom—and where do you see signs of merely "RSVP-ing" without follow-through?

**Apply:** What is one area of your life where you sense Jesus inviting you to move from passive interest to active participation in His Kingdom? What is one concrete step you can take this week?

**Pray:** Ask God to give us hearts that are quick to come when He calls, glad to live under His reign, and eager to call others into His Kingdom.