

An Exclusive Invitation to a Global Feast

Luke 13:22-30 ▪ March 8, 2026 ▪ Nick Braitto

His invitation is _____ . (vv. 23-24)

The clock is _____ . (vv. 25-28)

The table will be _____ . (v. 29)

The seating will be _____ . (v. 30)

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²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

²⁵ "When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out.

²⁹ "And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

³⁰ "And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What's one invitation you've received in your life that felt meaningful or surprising?

Read & Discuss: Luke 13:22-30

1. In verse 23, someone asks Jesus if only a "few" will be saved. Instead of giving a number, Jesus tells them to "strive to enter." Based on the passage, what do you think it looks like to "strive to enter" in a way that's rooted in grace rather than self-effort or trying to earn God's love?
2. Jesus describes a "narrow door" (v. 24). How does this challenge common assumptions about spirituality or salvation today? What are some things (attitudes, habits, or even good works) that we often try to carry with us that might make it hard to fit through that door of humble surrender?
3. Look at verses 25–27. The people knocking on the door say they "ate and drank" with the Master and heard Him teach. Why is it so easy to mistake being around Christian things for actually belonging to Christ? What helps us discern the difference?
4. In verse 29, Jesus describes people coming from all directions to recline at the table. How does this massive, global vision of the Kingdom change the way you view people who are culturally or politically different from you? What are things you're doing (or could do) to participate in making Jesus' vision here a reality?
5. **Read Isaiah 25:6–9.** This is the feast Jesus is pointing toward. Which part of Isaiah's description—the rich food, the death of death, or the wiping away of tears—speaks most deeply to your heart right now?
6. Jesus ends with a shocking statement: *"Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."* Where have you seen Jesus' upside-down Kingdom principle at work? If we really believed that God honors the humble and the overlooked, how would that change the way we treat people in our church or our neighborhood?

Apply: Jesus' teaching forces us to ask: *"Where is my heart?"* Once you do that, what is one next step you sense Jesus inviting you to take in response to this passage—whether that's surrender, repentance, humility, outreach, or simply renewed gratitude?

Pray: Pray that God would be at work in and through us to point many others to the narrow door. Pray for hearts that will be ready and eager to celebrate Christ at the global feast!