



May 27

Opening Up:

- Talk about a meal with friends that was meaningful to you in the past month. Why was it meaningful?
- Why is a shared meal a powerful way to connect with someone? (Or, what about a meal together with friends, a date, even a future client or co-worker can be meaningful?)
- In your family of origin, was the family mealtime meaningful? Explain. How do you make family mealtimes meaningful?

Reference: Luke 14:16-24

Discuss:

1. Why do you think God uses a banquet as a metaphor for his Kingdom and the coming restoration of all things?
2. In Luke 14:16-24, those who end up coming to the banquet are not those with the ability to repay the master, they are grace recipients. Why is it important to be reminded that our invitation to dine with God is an invitation by grace alone?
3. There is always room at God's table for anyone who would receive grace. How could making room at your table show the grace of God and help lead someone to see that there is room at God's table?
4. What does your dinner guest list say about you? How should your dinner guest lists be impacted in the future by the guest list in this passage?
5. Who is someone you should share a meal with, but have been putting it off?
6. How can your grace, shared over a meal, lead to someone seeking God's grace?
7. Is your house more of a sanctuary *from* the world or *for* the world? Discuss the difference.
8. What are some reasons (or in light of the passage maybe "excuses") that sometimes keep us from opening our home and table to the world? How has God been using the "Our House" series to challenge you in this area?
9. The parable of the Great Banquet ends with the servant being sent out once again by his master to extend the invitation even further, but that command is left unfulfilled. How might we, as servants of God, fulfill that command?
10. Pray.