Do you suppose the “guests” of *vss 21* and 23 willfully respond to the invitation? Why does Luke use the phrases “bring in” and “make them come in”?

Who does the man who hosts the banquet represent?

Who are the initial guests who refused?

Who are the “guests” of *vss 21* and *23*?

From your experience why do so many say “no” to God’s “banquet”?

What might you say or do to help them overcome their hesitation?

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Excuses, Excuses, Excuses

Luke 14:15-24

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What place do “excuses” play in your life? What are they?

Do you suppose Jesus ever told a joke or tried to make people laugh?

Why would Jesus’ parable of the banquet seem laughable, even ludicrous to His hearers?

What do wrong assumptions about Jesus, and the kingdom of God lead to? What have been/are your assumptions?

How does a person “Qualify” for God’s kingdom?

How does Jesus describe the banquet in *vs 16*? What might that have been like?

Note 4 things about the banquet:

1. "Everything is _____ ready" (*vs 17*) meaning what?

2. The invitation is to _____.

3. The _____ is given more than once.

4. Presumably the 1st invitation is accepted by _____.

Excuse #1 (*vs18*) – Reasonable or Unreasonable? Why?

Excuse #2 (*vs 19*) – Reasonable or Unreasonable? Why?

Excuse #3 (*vs 20*) – Reasonable or Unreasonable? Why?

What is the host's response to the excuses? (*vs 21*) How would you respond if you were the host?