

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you (or someone you know) made an excuse to avoid doing something.

2. What are some of the excuses people use today to avoid putting their faith in Jesus Christ?

3. Read the following passages and note who is making the excuses, and why their excuse *isn't* valid:
 - a) Genesis 3:8-12
 - b) Exodus 4:10-13
 - c) Exodus 32:21-24
 - d) I Samuel 15:13-15
 - e) II Kings 5:9-14
 - f) Jeremiah 1:6-10
 - g) Luke 9:59-60

4. Who is the dinner host in this parable? Who are the invited guests? Who are the poor, the blind, the crippled and the lame?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to invite a friend to dinner and seek an opportunity to share my faith with them.
 - I am going to examine my life for areas where I am making excuses and not doing what God has called me to do.
 - I am going to memorize Romans 1:20.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 14:15-24

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Study Series #065

Excuses! Excuses!

I. Introduction

A. Lousy Excuses

B. The Setting

(See Luke 14:1-14)

C. The Statement

(See Luke 14:15; Revelation 19:9; Luke 13:28; Isaiah 25:6
Matthew 8:11-12; Matthew 7:21-23)

II. The Parable of the Great Banquet

A. The Invitation

(See Luke 14:16-17; Esther 5:8; Esther 6:14; Matthew 22:5)

B. The Materialistic Excuse

(See Luke 14:18; Genesis 23:1-20; Luke 14:33)

C. The Occupational Excuse

(See Luke 14:19; Luke 8:14; Matthew 13:22; Mark 4:18-19)

D. The Relational Excuse

(See Luke 14:20; Deuteronomy 24:5; Deuteronomy 20:7; Luke 14:26)

E. The Response of the Master

(See Luke 14:21; Luke 14:13; Luke 14:22-23; Matthew 14:22; Mark 6:45; Acts 26:11; Acts 28:19; Psalm 34:8; Luke 14:24)

III. Conclusion

(See Romans 9:4-5; Romans 1:16; Matthew 21:32; Mark 12:37; I Corinthians 1:26-28)

Passage of Study Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵ When one of those who were reclining *at the table* with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

¹⁶ But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; ¹⁷ and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’ ¹⁹ Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’ ²⁰ Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’

²¹ And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²² And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³ And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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