



**The Great Banquet
Week 2
(Luke 14:1-24 ESV)**

A good story can communicate truth like few other things. Jesus was a master storyteller who used parables to explain truths about God and living in a way that honors Him. In this series, we'll learn from some of the parables of Jesus about the life that He invites us to live.

CELEBRATION

1,338 pounds of food were collected by Southviewers for the WFCM food pantry at the Franklin Farm Giant last Saturday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DC Serve is coming fast! You can get information on how you and your small group can plug in to this powerful community ministry initiative at southview.org

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus is not afraid to create some awkward moments at the religious leaders dinner party! His teaching on generosity and humility (vv 7-14) was pointed and poignant. Generosity and humility are to be marks of followers of Jesus. Which of those do you struggle with most, and why?
2. Pastor William said that our decisions reflect our priorities. We can see from the excuses the invited guests gave that they really didn't want to go to the party. Their decisions were reflective of their priorities - work, possessions, and other relationships trumped the invitation that they had accepted. For us too, our stated "priorities" can be choked out by decisions we make to prioritize other things over our relationship with God. What are some of the challenges you face weekly that compete with your decision to follow Jesus fully? What steps can you take to align your decisions (about how you spend your time, your money, your attention, etc) with that priority?
3. Jesus talked about the Kingdom and His work in terms of a feast or banquet - not just in this parable, but in many. He saw it in terms of a party! Have you ever encountered Christians who see church and Kingdom work as anything but a party? How can we encourage one another in our joy for what God invites us to be a part of?

MOVING FORWARD

Our decisions reflect our priorities.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.”

— Luke 14:23b (ESV)