



# LIFE STORY

**THE STORY OF THE  
UNWISE RAINCHECK**

**Luke 14:12-22**

**LIFE GROUP  
STUDY GUIDE**

## Luke 14:12-24(ESV)

12He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

13But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

14and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

15When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.

17And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

18But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'

19And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'

20And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

21So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

22And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

23And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.

24For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' "



# WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?

What details stand out to you?

Who does Jesus tell us to associate with (v.13)?

What excuses do the invited guests give to be excused?

What is the response of the master?

What is the fate of the initially invited?



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended this story to be in Scripture?

What does the first invitation mean?

What does it mean when the master says, "Come, for everything is now ready"?

How can the excuses be interpreted? Why is this offensive to the master?

What do you think is the significance of the replacement guests?

**When we put off God's invitation,  
we miss out on the Kingdom of  
God - both now and forever**



# WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

## HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME? WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEK?

How do you respond to the invitation of Jesus to follow him?

What excuses do you sometimes give that prevent you from participating in the Kingdom of God?

Do you feel or perceive that you live in the Kingdom of God?  
What helps you walk in this understanding?  
What makes this difficult?

What 'compels' you to respond to Jesus' invitation to know and follow him?

Who are the 'outsiders' that you could invite into Kingdom life?

How can you live in closer responsiveness to Jesus' invitation to follow and love him?

Read the following Scriptures and meditate on the way that they encourage you **respond** to Jesus in love and discipleship:

Luke 14:25-35  
Matthew 22:1-14  
John 10

## PRAYER

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?