

I. Read Luke 14:12-24

- A. What can we conclude about the motivations that lay behind invitations, gifts, and acts of kindness that were offered in Jesus's day (verse 12)?
1. In what ways do you see these same motivations today?
 2. What selfish incentives can lie behind what seem to be acts of generosity and kindness—and what can help us to be aware of them?
- B. How should Christians perform acts of kindness and love—and what should motivate them to do so (verses 13–14)?
- C. Why are the commands that Jesus gives us in this area often so difficult for us to follow?
- D. Notice the comment that is voiced by one of the guests (verse 15) that leads Jesus to give his parable about the banquet. What seems to be the tone, or intent, of this exclamation?
- E. How does the beginning of Jesus's parable (verses 16–20) illustrate the fact that the intent behind the comment was illicit?
- F. In verses 21-24 Jesus describes a second round of invitations. What might these teach us about the kingdom of God, and who will ultimately attend the feast?