

Place Where the Empty Are Filled

Luke 14:15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." 16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. 17 At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' 19 Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' 20 Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' 21 The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' 22 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' 23 Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'

This series, we are learning...

- 1- The church is a body of people who need the _____ and also need _____.
- 2- Quality relationships are the key to _____ people for Jesus and the key to _____ in our _____ with Him.

The COMPARISON:

16 Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.

- A. The Bible often compares _____ to a nutritious meal.
 - Amos 8:11-12

B. There are many correlations between _____

and _____ hunger...

- 1- It's a _____ sign to get hungry.
- 2- Our appetite _____ as we _____.
- 3- Healthy people have _____ appetites.
- 4- We all need a _____ diet.
- 5- Taste buds can be _____.

The CANCELLATIONS:

18a But they all alike began to make excuses.

A. The first was a _____ excuse.

18b The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

B. The second was a _____ excuse.

19 Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'

C. The third gave a _____ excuse.

20 Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

The COMMISSION:

21 Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

A. As God's servant's, we are challenged to go out and _____ people into God's kingdom.

B. Most people are _____ for something _____ than this world can offer.

SO WHAT?

- 1- Do you have an _____ for something deeper with Jesus?
- 2- Are you making feeble excuses to avoid _____ in the Kingdom?
- 3- Have you _____ the commission to reach out to others?