



Leader's Guide Luke 14:15-24

Discuss

1. How do you prepare to host a big party?
2. The servant is sent to call together the guests who already RSVP'd "yes" to the party. Why do you think they say yes and then say no? The oxen will be there tomorrow. How would you feel if you were the master of the party?
3. Why does the master send the servant out two more times to fill the banquet?
4. Some people view themselves as open-minded, but when it comes time to act, they become closed. The first invitees say that they want to go to the banquet, but change their mind. The second round of guests were more open to the invitation, and they experienced all the master had to offer. Why are the second and third round of people more open and responsive?"

Apply

1. Are you open to God meeting a real need in your life? What need would you like God to meet?
2. How can you be like the servant, and invite people to check out God? Write down a list of people you know on campus. Do brief listening prayer. Who will you focus on inviting this week?

Grow

Is it time to grow the Jesus community on campus? If yes, get ready to host a launch party. Go to our GROW phase (LINK). Use this guide to host your own party and invite others to explore God with you.

1. Start with a game or activity to get to know each other (15 minutes)

Here are ideas for great bonding activities:

- Food - Bring some great food to share
- Game - Play something quick and fun to draw people in.
- Icebreaker - Ask an engaging question to get people talking
 - "What's the worst excuse you've ever heard (or made) to get out of something?"

2. Debrief Encounters with Jesus so far (5 minutes)

Let's take a minute to hear from anyone that's come in the last few weeks:

- What have you seen God do in your life through these Encounters with Jesus?
- What are we learning about being a community that follows Jesus and invites others to follow him too?

3. Facilitate a discussion about the story (20 min)

- Invite someone in the group to read the story aloud.
 - Ask them what they have questions about (write these down and ask them to the group along the way)
 - Ask the "Discuss" questions.
- A few extra questions for going deeper:**
- Jesus is telling this parable while sitting at a prominent religious leader's table, with many important guests. What is Jesus teaching them about God, and about themselves?
 - What do you notice about the second and third groups that get invited into the party? (roads and country lanes would include foreign travelers) What does this reveal about the Kingdom of God? Who are the furthest out, most overlooked people on this campus. How can we go out and invite them in and show them hospitality?

4. Tell a personal story from your life (5 minutes)

- Tell a story of a time you wrestled with an invitation from Jesus. How did you respond to him and how did you experience his lavish love?
- or-
- Tell about a time you invited someone to check out Jesus and were surprised by their response.

5. Ask the "Apply" questions and then interact around the Grow section (15 min)

- Entering the next phase of Growing the Movement. Just like the master of the banquet in this story, we long for InterVarsity to be a community on campus where more and more people from all backgrounds are coming in and meeting Jesus. Use the GROW section to begin dreaming and planning a party that will launch the community into growth.