

“Helping Others Say Yes to God” Going Back Better – Part 3

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Turn in your Bible or smart device to Luke 14:15-24

What the servant can teach us about engaging the curious

1. We've got a G_____ P_____ to invite others to
2. E_____ some people to have E_____
3. We must realize our own E_____

Five top excuses dying churches give for why they stopped trying to change

- #5. We don't have enough members to do what you wanted to do
- #4. We don't have enough money to accomplish it
- #3. We've tried it and it doesn't work
- #2. We haven't tried that before and we already know it won't work
- #1. We like it the way it is. Why do we have to try it at all?

4. We need to C_____ people to come

The Parable of the Great Banquet

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one 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 out 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 **compel them to come in, so that my house will be full**. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’ ”

How to begin a relationship with Jesus...

Admit that you've sinned (missed the mark of perfection)(Rom3:23)
Believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)
Choose Jesus. Turn to Him. Receive Him and love God above all (Matt. 22:37, Eph. 5:1).