

“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).