"The Secrets of the Kingdom of God": the Parables of Jesus in Luke Luke 14:7–24: The Parables of the Banquet

Parable #1: Humility (Luke 14:7–11)

"The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." (L. P. Hartley)

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you." (1 Peter 5:5–6)

Parable #2: Generosity (Luke 14:12–14)

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first." (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

Parable #3: Judgement (Luke 14:15–24)

"God is giving a party. Are you going to come?" (Klyne Snodgrass)

"The two essential points in His teaching are that no man can enter the Kingdom without the invitation of God, and that no man can remain outside it but by his own deliberate choice. Man cannot save himself; but he can damn himself. And it is this latter fact that makes the preaching of Jesus so urgent." (William Manson)

Notes			

Discuss

- What can you learn from the negative examples of the Pharisees that set the context for these three parables?
- What are some ways that you're tempted to put yourself first in life?
- How can you grow in humility before God and others?
- What are some things that you can do for people who can't pay you back?
- What are some examples of excuses which keep people from responding to God's invitation?

Read

Isaiah 25; Luke 14:25-33; 18:9-14

Pray

- That God will help you grow in humility and generosity.
- That God will teach you to live with urgency in light of the resurrection of the dead and judgement.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you have a deeper understanding of the generosity and humility of Jesus.

Announcements

- Trunk or Treat: Sunday, October 31 from 3:00–5:00pm
 - o Sign up to help at the Connect Desk or by emailing Dawn (info@fsbcknobs.com)
 - Volunteer meeting and neighborhood outreach: Wednesday, October 27 starting at 6:30pm
- Operation Christmas Child packing party: November 13 from 9:30–11:30am (pitch-in breakfast starting at 9:00am)