

# Too Good

## Part 2

### Luke 14:15-24 – The Parable of the Great Banquet

<sup>15</sup> 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.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. <sup>17</sup> At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

<sup>18</sup> “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.’

<sup>19</sup> “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

<sup>20</sup> “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

<sup>21</sup> “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.’

<sup>22</sup> “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

<sup>23</sup> “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. <sup>24</sup> I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

1. What do you find most persuasive, what people say, their body language, their actions or a combination of all three?
2. Is it necessary for a Christian to be persuasive?
3. What is necessary for a Christian when it comes to our message of good news?
4. Read Luke 14:1-14. What does Jesus notice? What is bugging Jesus?
5. Read Luke 14:15-24. What is the purpose of holding banquets?
6. Who does the man who held the banquet represent?
7. Why did the wealthy guests knock back the invitation?
8. What did the man who held the banquet do in response to the insults?
9. What is Jesus trying to tell the people at his banquet about the way we should treat people in God’s kingdom?
10. How does this teaching impact on the way we should share our faith?
11. Steve says that sometimes we are afraid to share our faith because our self-esteem is too central to the whole process. What do you think about that? What other factors might make us fearful to share our faith?
12. How important is that we conquer our fear in order to share our faith?
13. Read 1 John 4:18, how does this help us conquer our fear?
14. Pray with each other for those who need to know God’s love.