

Christmas...Make it count!  
Come To The Party  
Luke 14:15-24

Lesson One: Life in relationship with Jesus is like a **great party**.

“When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, ‘Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.’ Jesus replied: ‘A certain man was preparing a great banquet...’” Luke 14:15-16a

Lesson Two: We are invited to the party as an act of **grace**.

“Jesus replied: ‘A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’” Luke 14:16-17

“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.’” Luke 14:21

Lesson Three: We can be **distracted** from the party by the events and responsibilities of life.

“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.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can't come.’” Luke 14:18-20

The Bottom Line Question: Are we responding to Jesus' invitation to his great part with a **whole-hearted yes**?