



An Invitation
Luke 14:16-20

Purpose: To renew our desire to invite people to accept the gospel.

Introduction

- It's great to be invited to events!
- Over 90% of Americans believe in God, but less than half have any real conviction or affiliation.
- 75% of those who leave organized religion would welcome an invitation to attend worship. But most are never asked!
- Where are the invitations?



An invitation and excuses

- Luke 14:15-24. Many people will not accept the invitation. Various excuses. None worthy.
- Our duty is to invite and compel others to come. Time is important and many will reject the invitation. But we must continue to invite!
- “The church that is not reaching out is passing out.”



A worthy invitation

- “The gospel is only good news if it gets there on time.” Carl F. H. Henry
- “If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms around their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” Charles Spurgeon.
- 1 Cor. 3:6-7. Plant, water.



Other invitations

- Matt. 11:28-30. “Come unto Me.”
- John 1:43. “Follow Me.”
- John 4:29. “Come see a man...”
- Acts 22:16. “Why are you waiting?”



Conclusion

- Sadly, many people will go to hell without ever hearing us invite them to know the gospel.
- They deserve to hear the saving gospel.
- Sense of duty, urgency. “Compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” Friend, invite someone!

