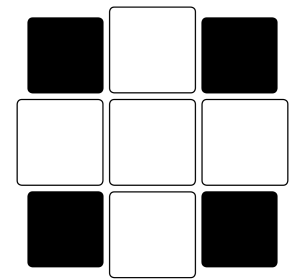


# The Parable of the Great Banquet

Scripture: **Luke 14:12–24**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, March 31, 2019



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## Overview

In this passage, Jesus is instructing to stop blessing others in order to receive honor and blessing in return; rather, seek to bless the needy—those who cannot reciprocate or boost our ego and reputation. Our acts of kindness and demonstrations of mercy should have an “others” orientation. **Grace seeks the good of the needy, not the deserving**, just as Jesus invites us—the needy and undeserving—into his kingdom. As we experience God’s love, mercy, compassion and kindness toward us, we will show love, mercy, compassion and kindness toward others.

## Corroborating Texts

Luke 11:42–44, Luke 6:34–36, Luke 11:20, Matthew 3:2, Revelation 3:17

## Discussion Questions

1. How were you encouraged by this week’s message? How were you convicted?
2. Why is it dangerous to bless others with the intention of being blessed in return? What should the proper motive be for blessing others?
3. Why is it better to be “repaid at the resurrection of the just” rather than being repaid now? (see v. 14)
4. Pastor Joe mentioned that in this passage, we are the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. How is this true? How can we be reminded of our spiritual poverty, and what is the effect of remembering our this state?
5. How can you apply the truth(s) from this passage to your life this week?