

**Week of February 7th, 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Enthusiastically (Banquet Invitation) | Luke 14:15-24, 34-35**

Overview

God has prepared a great banquet and extends His invitation to you! There are a million reasons to say no, but there is great joy and blessing for those who accept God's invitation of eternal fellowship.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What is your favorite excuse to get out of something you don't want to do?

Ohana Time! (this is an opportunity to be creative and to try out new things as an Ohana Group! Feel free to include children): Plan a great banquet! What kind of preparations are needed? Who will you invite? What kind of program will you host?

BIBLE: Read 14:15-24, 34-35

1. Where is Jesus when he tells this parable? (see Luke 14:1). Why is this important in understanding the meaning of the parable?
2. Who does the host of the great banquet and servant each represent? Who are the invited guests and why don't they come? Who comes instead?
3. What do the excuses of the initial guests reveal about their misguided priorities or expectations?
4. Imagine yourself as one of the characters from the parable and retell the parable from their point of view. What new insights can you gain regarding the parable?
5. The great banquet symbolizes eternal fellowship with God. What sort of sounds, smells, and sights do you imagine the great banquet will have?

APPLICATION

1. There is nothing that can replace an opportunity to sit at the table of eternal fellowship with God and share in God's blessings with those who attend His banquet. Make a list of excuses you may make to refrain from fellowship with God and fellowship with other believers (ex. I'm too tired, I don't have time). Now make a list of enthusiastic responses that you can answer with instead (ex. I'd be delighted to!). Share with your group!
2. From your experience, what excuses do people make to avoid God's "banquet?" Who in particular comes to your mind? How can you pray for them? What can you say or do to help people overcome their hesitation?

PRAYER

1. Thank God that He has prepared a great banquet for you to be in eternal fellowship with Him.
2. Pray for new opportunities to be in fellowship with God and with one another.
3. Pray for "ears" that will not only hear God's Word, but respond joyfully as you live out and obey His Word.

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